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Urgent pot biz lid OK'd by City Council

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – Some members of the Arcata City Council and its staff clashed last week over creation of a Medical Marijuana Innovation Overlay Zone, but in the end everyone got what they wanted.

The council was asked to by staff to suspend portions of the Land Use Code which regulate cannabis cultivation while a new set of standards is created. That would prevent new cannabis businesses from starting up until new laws are in place.

With legalization for recreational use widely expected to gain voter approval in the November 2016 election, the longer-term goal is to smoothly transition from what City Attorney Nancy Diamond said was a medical use environment to one of recreational use.

That body of regulation will have to be worked out with the Planning Commission, which is expected to take up the matter beginning July 14.

Community Development Director Larry Oetker proposed that the innovation zone be centered at the former Humboldt Flakeboard plant on West End Road, which is now a partially demolished, partly burned sprawl

CANNABIZ ❖ A7

Surviving Ruth's wrath

Wall of water from dam break would wipe out neighborhoods, flood hospital

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MAD RIVER WATERSHED – Emergency personnel are planning for a highly unlikely but nightmarish scenario – the failure of the R.W. Matthews Dam, the earthen structure that holds back Ruth Lake.

Should the 150-foot-tall dam fail in an earthquake, major storm or other disaster or terrorist attack, more than 48,000 acre feet of water could come rushing down the

Mad River watershed, destroying neighborhoods, wiping out bridges and leaving a massive swath of destruction.

Even though Arcata is about 80 miles downstream from Ruth Lake and in an entirely different county – seemingly a world way – the city wouldn't escape Ruth's wrath.

Under the worst-case scenario – the dam bursting during a major rainstorm – the area around Mad River Community Hospital would be under two to four feet of rush-

ing water.

The isolated, rural upstream gorges would encounter a wall of water 20, 30 and even 100 feet high.

Portions of Blue Lake could be washed away. Blue Lake City Hall would be under five to six feet of water, according to computer models from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), which owns the dam.

RUTH ❖ A3



SLURPY SMILES Oysters and happiness were abundant Saturday during the 25th Annual Arcata Main Street Oyster Festival on the Plaza. Top left, an attendee savors the fruits of Arcata Bay; top middle, the Humboldt Hot Sauce crew cooks for the masses; right, the OLIO Music and Dance Collective led a Samba Parade; left, SCRAP Humboldt teens en route to the Kids Zone; middle, a juggler; and a firefighter collecting funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Chef's family scorns DA 'betrayals'

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – Relatives of manslaughter victim Douglas Anderson-Jordet accuse former Deputy District Attorney Elan Firpo and former District Attorney Paul Gallegos of faithlessness and paltering with the facts in the case against Juan Joseph Ferrer, sentenced last week to 12 years in prison for stabbing Anderson-Jordet to death in November 2013.

Sister-in-law Patty Anderson said at the sentencing hearing in Humboldt County Superior Court, "Our experiences over the last 18 months, including the prosecutor's [Firpo's] gross misrepresentation of facts to the family and the public," have made healing and forgiveness much harder.

"I stand before you physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and financially exhausted," Anderson said in preamble. Then she assailed Firpo point by point, based on the chronology of judicial steps that followed in the wake of her brother-in-law's drunken death.

In February 2014, Anderson recalled, "a plea deal was reached without ever going to a preliminary hearing." That agreement effectively left the deceased's family with a fait accompli, in her view. "We were asked to make a decision [to accept the deal] by the following day."

Anderson accused Firpo of presenting



Douglas Anderson-Jordet

"facts" – Anderson's quote marks – "that she later released to the press in defense of her actions." Those reputed facts alleged Anderson-Jordet's "inflamed demeanor, behavioral excesses, homophobia and being the aggressor in a physical fight."

Anderson charged that Firpo destroyed "Douglas's character and integrity" from the outset and provided the defense with arguments to use at trial – which proved to be prophetic.

The deceased's sister-in-law explained that family members felt they had had no choice but to accept the initial plea deal, because "we were led to believe by Ms. Firpo

BETRAYALS ❖ A4



CONVICTED KILLER Juan Joseph Ferrer posted this photo on his Facebook page before the fatal stabbing. It was referenced by the prosecutor. See story on page A4.

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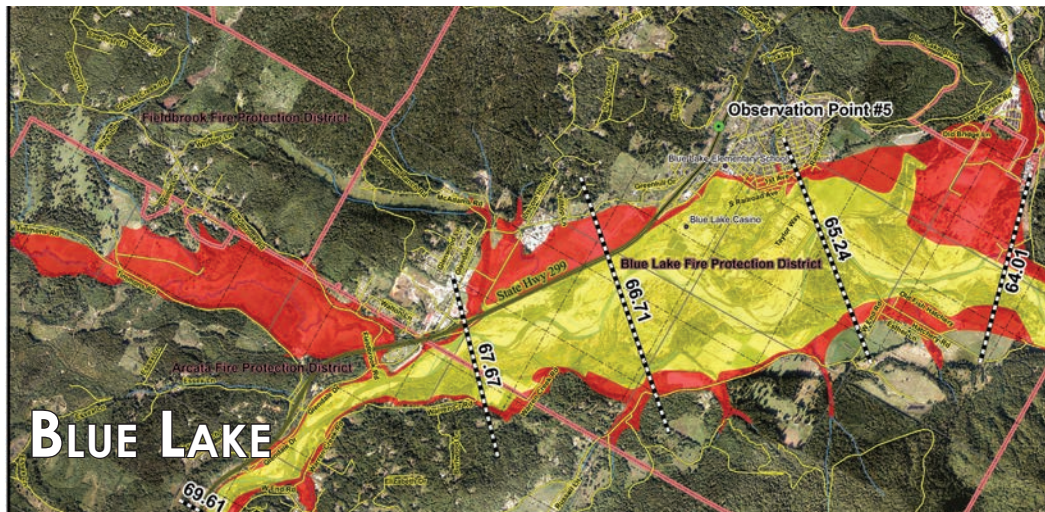
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SWATH OF DESTRUCTION The inundation maps show the areas that would be flooded if the dam at Ruth Lake were to fail. The yellow areas show the flooding on a sunny day when river levels are low. Under a worst-case scenario, with river levels similar to the flood of 1964, the areas in both yellow and in red would be flooded. GRAPHICS COURTESY HBMWD

Ruth | Water would wipe out neighborhoods

❖ FROM A1

Could this happen?

According to the HBMWD’s Emergency Response Plan, a cataclysmic dam break is “highly unlikely,” but not impossible.

There are several different scenarios that could potentially result in the failure of the R.W. Matthews dam, an earthen structure built in 1962.

One possibility is a giant earthquake. Another is a terrorist attack. Or there could be a massive rain storm that quickly fills the lake beyond the capacity of the spillway to release water downstream.

The water could top the dam and erode the base on the downstream side until the entire dam gives way. Although this is theoretically possible, it’s worth noting that the dam survived the infamous flood of 1964, which was almost biblical in proportions.

Although such a failure is unlikely, the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and HBMWD are working with other agencies and developing plans on how to respond.

Wall of water

The HBMWD has prepared what it calls “enhanced inundation maps” that show where Ruth Lake’s water would go and how high it would be. The maps were created using computer modeling of two different scenarios. One is a “sunny day” scenario. The other is based on a worst-case scenario, with flood levels similar to the great flood of 1964.

Under the worst-case scenario, a massive wall of water would sweep through the Maple Creek area about four hours after the dam failure 50 miles up stream. About an hour and a half later, a wall of water would wash over Korbel. By the time the water reaches Blue Lake – about five

and a half hours after the dam break – the water would be about six feet tall at Blue Lake City Hall. Although this is the worst case scenario, the “sunny day” scenario isn’t much better, with the water about five feet tall.

Valley West would start seeing water about seven hours after the dam break, with the peak flow 11 hours after the failure. The entire area would be covered in two to four feet of fast-moving water filled with logs, snags and other debris that would pose hazards to people and property.

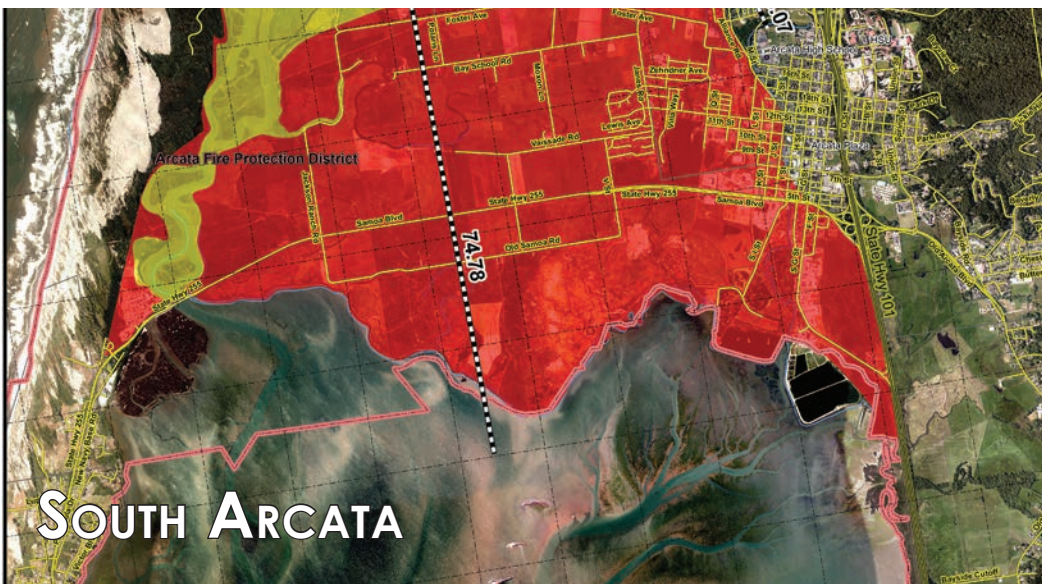
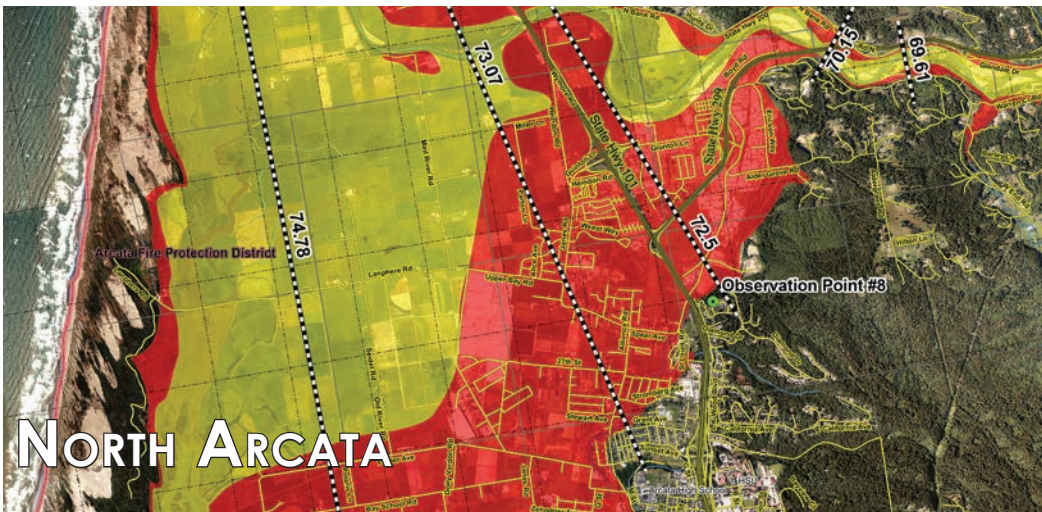
Water levels would go down as the great deluge spread out over the Arcata Bottom, South G Street and other low-lying areas as the water eventually empties into the bay and ocean.

McKinleyville, which sits atop a bluff, would be spared, with only the bottom land along the Mad River inundated.

Among the key facilities that would be destroyed or heavily damaged in the disaster is Mad River Community Hospital, which would be covered in two to four feet of water. This was noted at the June 18 meeting by HBMWD Boardmember Aldaron Laird. “Essentially, we have one hospital that’s going to be shut down, and where are they going to move all those patients? To the other hospital [St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka] And if we have casualties, they’re going to go to that hospital, which is now overwhelmed with patients,” Laird said. Given the immensity of the potential disaster, planners are focused on getting people away from the wall of water.

‘Keep them breathing’

Dan Larkin, a retired OES manager who is providing project support, gave a presentation to the HBMWD Board of Directors at its meeting June 18 about a draft plan on how the county would respond to a dam



break.

The plan isn’t ready for public release, but Larkin gave the board main gist of the document – get people out of the way of the water and do so as quickly as possible.

“One of the primary response elements is time. We cannot waste it,” Larkin said. “That wall of water is coming towards us and every second and minute that is wasted hits us on the other end.”

“We must ensure the orderly movement of people. Nothing else matters,” Larkin said.

“During the process, there are a lot of things we don’t care about. I don’t care if people are cold or wet, if they’re hungry or inconvenienced. I don’t care. All I care is getting them out of the way of the water,” Larkin said.

“If you’re caught in the water, you’re essentially dead,” Larkin said.

Retiring HBMWD Manager Carol Rische pointed out that it’s not just water that would be coming downstream. There would also be substantial debris.

The plan, Larkin said, is focused on getting people out of the way of this deadly wall of water. After they’re on safe ground, then other plans could be implemented to take care of people’s needs. “We deal with those other issues later.”

The responsibility for informing people that the dam is failing falls on the dam’s owner, the HBMWD, which is the wholesale water supplier to McKinleyville, Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Manila and the Humboldt Community Services

District.

The HBMWD has personnel working at and monitoring the dam. In the event of a dam failure, they would notify various agencies about the problem, including the OES, National Weather Service and others.

At last week’s meeting, someone asked what would happen if HBMWD personnel were somehow unable to make the notification. After all, if there’s a disaster they could be incapacitated.

Rische noted that this is a valid concern and stressed that if there’s any dam failure, anyone who knows anything about it should try to alert emergency personnel.

When the OES is informed of the problem, it would then enact its emergency plan.

The plan calls for coordinating with local fire departments to assist in evacuations. There will also be designated spotter locations along the watershed, where personnel would be able to safely observe the movement of water and report back to OES, providing updates to downstream communities.

The response plan for dealing with a dam break on the Mad River will be used as a template when OES prepares emergency response plans for similar failures on the Klamath, Trinity and Eel rivers.

The draft emergency response plan should be completed in a few months and then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Meanwhile, the HBMWD, OES and other agencies will be holding a table top exercise July 16 to test portions of the draft plan.

RUTH’S MARCH TO THE SEA This map shows the 80 mile route the river takes from R.W. Matthews Dam to the ocean. The green dots are observation points where emergency personnel would be stationed to report on the wall of water.

Arcata preparing for annual street repaving project

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata Public Works Department is soliciting bids for street reconstruction work on Spear Avenue, Alliance Road, K Street, H Street, 14th Street and LK Wood Boulevard.

This 2015 Asphalt Grind Out and Inlay Project requires that the contractor furnish all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals to grind out and repave the failed asphalt on these streets.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, at 1

p.m. The meeting will begin in the City Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall at 736 F St., and will be followed by a visit to the project sites.

The bids will be considered by the Arcata City Council at its July 15 meeting. Road repair work for

this project is anticipated to begin on or after Aug. 3 and to be completed by Aug. 28.

The Asphalt Grind Out and Inlay Project is a road infrastructure repair and maintenance project that recurs annually and is funded by voter-approved

Measure G general fund tax revenue.


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Manila wraps up community center ‘visioning’ battle

Jack Durham
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MANILA – During a contentious three-hour meeting last week, Manila boardmembers may have found some common ground as they nearly wrapped up the main issue in their “visioning” process for the town’s community center.

Despite deep divisions and what two board members described as “trust issues,” the Manila Community Services (Manila CSD) District Board of Directors voted unanimously Thursday, June 18, to hand over management of the Manila Family Resource Center to Redwood Coast Montessori School (RCM). District staff was directed to work with the school to develop a memorandum of understanding outlining the details of the transfer. That document will be considered by the board in July, so the issue is not yet resolved.

To an outsider, and maybe even some residents of the salty outpost, the issue of who manages the tiny program may seem trivial. But the district has been wrestling with the issue for years.

In order to resolve the management question, the district hired a professional facilitator to hold what the district called “visioning” workshops in April, during which residents sacrificed two entire Sunday afternoons discussing the future of the Manila Community Center, where the Manila Family Resource Center operates out of two rooms. A group calling itself Voices of the Peninsula also entered the fray, conducting a community survey and lobbying for the resource center to remain under the management of the Manila CSD.

It all came to a head at last week’s meeting, when the board was asked to hand over management of the resource center to the Montessori school. The school rents classroom space from the district at the Manila Community Center.

Manila CSD Manager Chris Drop told the board that the school is better suited to manage the resource center, which provides social services such as teen programs and parenting classes. It also runs a food pantry.

The resource has a single employee, Director Carole Wolfe. The program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and First 5 Humboldt.

Drop said the staff of the Manila CSD would be better off focusing on sewer and water utilities rather than managing the resource center. He also stressed that the district would retain control over the physical facilities at the Manila Community Center. It’s just the management of the resource center program, not the buildings, that would be handed over to the school.

Bryan Little, the director of RCM, presented an ambitious proposal to the district for taking over management of the resource center.

Little wants to expand the center’s offerings with play groups, literacy programs, after school care, parent education, recreation programs, teen support groups, nutrition classes, employment assistance and more.

But the proposal initially faced opposition, from Voices of the Peninsula and Manila CSD boardmembers Salena Kahle and Dendra Dengler. Kahle was the director of the family resource center before she was elected to the board in 2013.

Kahle suggested that the Manila CSD retain management of the program. She also said she wanted the district to create a recreation committee so it could start offering recreation programs, as it did in the past.

Those recreation programs were run by Bev Prosser, a spokesperson for the Voices of the Peninsula. Prosser’s

employment with the district ended in 2008, shortly after the hiring of Manager Drop, and the recreation programs were phased out. The program ran deficits and some have accused the programs of being mismanaged.

At one point in the meeting, Director Dengler – who is also a member of Voices of the Peninsula – lashed out at RCM, accusing the school of making unauthorized building improvements, failing to obtain permits and telling people to leave areas that she said are open to the public. Dengler also mentioned something she has repeated many times before – the dismantling of an old playground structure. This spurred Director Jan Bramlett to interrupt Dengler. “We’ve heard this over and over and over,” a frustrated Bramlett said to Dengler.

Kahle backed up Dengler, stating that there are “trust issues” with the school.

“We have stewardship and trust issues,” Dengler chimed in.

At one point in the meeting, Bryan Little, the director of RCM, said that although the issue is hotly debated, people have areas of agreement.

“There is actually a lot of common ground here,” Little said.

“I think we all want a community center that is open and accessible to the community,” Little said.

The board heard testimony both in favor of the change and in opposition.

When it came time for the board to vote to transfer the management of the resource center, it was clear that a majority of the board – Bramlett, Joy Dellas and Chair John Woolley – were in support of the proposal. Although both Kahle and Dengler had questioned the change, they ultimately voted in support of the motion with their fellow board members.



POST-STABBING VACATION Juan Joseph Ferrer went on a trip after the stabbing. This photo of him was taken at a store in San Francisco. FACEBOOK PHOTO

Bid for leniency denied

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – In his failed appeal for Juan Joseph Ferrer’s probation, Conflict Counsel Marek I. Reavis argued that the “unusual and unlikely circumstances” that led to his client’s conviction for voluntary manslaughter warranted the court’s forbearance.

Citing California case law, Reavis submitted to the court that Ferrer’s actions in stabbing to death Douglas Anderson-Jordet were less heinous in nature than those in other voluntary manslaughter convictions.

In *People v. Lasko* (2000), the victim struck the defendant in the side with a baseball bat. In retaliation, the defendant scalded the victim with boiling water. The defendant wrested away the baseball bat, beat the victim to death and stole more than \$1,000 from his wallet.

In a second case, the defendant shot his victim in the face and in a third, the defendant had a long record of prior convictions and juvenile adjudications.

In sharp contrast, Reavis said in his sentencing memorandum to the court, Ferrer stabbed Anderson-Jordet only once, not many times, as usually occurs in knife slayings.

Nor did Ferrer and his two companions prolong the confrontation; they left the scene in short order, probably in less than a minute, Reavis recounted. All three were frightened and intimidated and anxious to escape what they perceived as Anderson-Jordet’s unprovoked and sudden tirade against a trio of complete strangers who knew nothing of him.

Reavis said other mitigating factors included Ferrer’s drunken state, which compromised his judgment and reactions. This “significantly reduced his culpability,” he argued.

Also, his client had a crime-free history and, notably, no record “of committing either a similar crime or any crimes of violence.”

In the wake of a 2001 misdemeanor conviction for disturbing the peace, Ferrer successfully completed, without breach, his informal court probation, according to Reavis.

The circumstances that led to Anderson-Jordet’s death “are highly unlikely to recur,” the defense attorney predicted. He said Ferrer had otherwise led “an upstanding life, employed and lauded by those who worked with him in the difficult world of developmentally-disabled and mentally ill adults. Mr. Ferrer has the nature, intention and proven ability to be an asset to the community.”

Chris Smith, owner of the Arcata restaurant where Anderson-Jordet worked until his untimely death, praised Reavis for the arguments he brought to bear at the sentencing hearing, which Smith attended.

“He was cogent, direct and unwavering in his defense; he was exactly what a defense counsel should be,” Smith said.

McKMAC to review Central Avenue project

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The final design for a Central Avenue improvement project will be unveiled at a meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) today, June 24. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville.

The county is proposing pedestrian safety improvements on Central Avenue between Anna Sparks Way and Hiller Road. The project would be paid for with an \$800,000 grant.

Among the improvements would be green-colored bicycle lanes on both sides of the street and “piano key” pedestrian crossings with big, wide white stripes to clearly mark crosswalks at Anna Sparks Way, School Road, Sutter, Heartwood Drive and Hiller Road.

There would be three mid-block crossings with pedestrian “islands,” one located in front of the Starbucks between Heartwood and Holly drives, one in front of Miller Farms, and the other in front of Central Station between School and Sutter roads. The islands would be raised medians with flashing pedestrian crossing signs.

There would also be radar speed indicator signs showing motorists how fast they are traveling and encouraging them to slow down to 35 mph on the east side of the road near McKinleyville Glass, the west side of the road just south of Sutter Road, on the east side of the road just south of Holly Drive, and on the west side of the road near

MCKINLEYVILLE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- ❖ **Where:** Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville
- ❖ **When:** Today, June 24 at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **What:** Final designs for Central Avenue project mckinleyvillemac@gmail.com

the Church of the Joyful Healer.

Another key feature is the pedestrian refuge strips, which would be located along the left-hand turn pockets at Anna Sparks Way, School Road, Sutter Road, Heartwood Drive and Hiller Road. These strips would be raised medians about 2½ to 3 feet wide. The sides would be gently sloped so that if cars did cross them they wouldn’t be damaged.

The McKMAC will review the project and give input in the final design.

If all goes as planned, construction would begin next April or May.

TURNING WINGED BOWLS The Redwood Coast Woodturners, a non-profit club of local woodturners from beginners to pro, hosts its next meeting Thursday, July 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave., McKinleyville. The feature demonstration is on “Turning Winged Bowls.” There is no charge for this event, and is open to all with an interest in woodturning. For more information call Rand Hall at (707) 499-9569.

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McK man arrested with stolen truck in Eureka

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – On Friday, June 19 at about 7:30 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call for service at the Country Club Market on Humboldt Hill Road in Eureka. It was reported that a male subject was causing a disturbance at the business. The California Highway Patrol also had officers in the area and they responded to assist.

While deputies were responding, they received further information the male subject causing the disturbance was associated with a green Ford truck, which was parked in the parking lot of the store.

The caller provided the Sheriff's Office with a license plate number for the green Ford truck. A records check revealed the vehicle had recently been reported as stolen out of Eureka. The suspect in the stolen vehicle report was Brian Mello, 37, of McKinleyville.

Deputies and CHP officers arrived on scene and contacted the male subject, who was working under the hood of the vehicle when they arrived. That subject was identified as Brian Mello. Deputies conducted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the stolen vehicle.

Mello was subsequently arrested and taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on suspicion of auto theft, possession of stolen property and violating his probation.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



Brian Mello

Booklet helps Humboldt brace for wildfires

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The region's wildfire season has started early as dry conditions prevail. Just in time, rural residents have a new resource for information on defensible space and other preparedness measures.

Wildfire awareness is being advanced through a new publication called *Living With Wildfire in Northwestern California*, which offers information on property protection, reducing wildfire risk and making rural communities more fire-safe.

The county collaborated with CalFire, Six Rivers National Forest and local fire safe councils to produce the publication, which is being widely distributed throughout the region.

At the June 16 Board of Supervisors meeting, Cybelle Immitt of the county's Planning Department summarized the

booklet's intent by reading a quote from the National Fire Protection Association.

"When extreme wildfire spreads, it can simultaneously expose dozens, sometimes hundreds of homes to potential ignition," the association advises. "In cases such as this, firefighters do not have the resources to defend every home."

The association also states that those who take "proactive steps to reduce their home's vulnerability have a far greater chance of having their homes withstand a wildfire."

The new booklet covers sources of fire ignition, campfire safety, defensible space around homes and infrastructure, burn permit rules and activities carried out by agencies such as controlled burns.

It's early in the region's wildfire season but the booklet's information is already relevant. Hugh Scanlon, chief of

CalFire's Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, said lightning-sparked wildfires have emerged and that fuel dryness is six weeks ahead of what's considered normal.

With fire activity starting earlier than usual, Scanlon said he foresees outside burn suspensions being declared by early July.

Mike Minton, the interagency chief of Redwood National Park and Six Rivers National Forest, said measures like establishing defensible space around homes can aid overall firefighting efforts. "One of the things that taps our resources more quickly than anything else is when we are engaged with protection of infrastructure, private property and homes," he continued. "Often times that becomes the centerpiece of where we have to commit resources and then those resources cannot be committed to perimeter control."

While drought is not impacting the re-

gion as severely as in other parts of the state, there is still concern about the availability of river water for firefighting.

"I think that underlines just how important it is for people to get a hold of (the booklet) and do all the preventive measures they can in terms of being prepared for a year like this," said Board Chair Estelle Fennell.

As the presentation began, Fennell noted that she had just received a tweet about the Bucksfire, which is burning near the state's border. She said wildfires are "happening as we speak" and said the *Living with Wildfire* booklet is something that "every household should have."

Copies will be available at all Six Rivers National Forest offices, Redwood State and National Park visitor centers, all CalFire stations, local fire halls and fire safe council offices, as well as at local events, such as community or county fairs.

The publication is also available on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council website humboldt.gov/1853/Publications.

Grand Jury: County needs regional fire protection district

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A Grand Jury report echoes what firefighting officials have been telling the county – that rural departments have substandard equipment, are underfunded and often respond to areas outside of their service districts.

The status of rural fire safety is investigated in a Grand Jury report released last week. According to the report, reliance on local fundraising and taxation is "no longer tenable" as the county's industrial and commercial base has diminished and service district ratepayers foot the bills for responses in "no district" areas.

In noting that "several California counties have had the foresight to create a regional model

with a countywide fire district and a county fire and emergency services officer," the report recommends that the county pursue formation of a regional fire protection district.

That would include establishment of a county "fire and emergency services officer" whose work would be similar to the sheriff's supervision of public safety.

The report contrasts that approach with what the county has now – 42 separate firefighting agencies, with sources of revenue ranging from "bake sale" fundraising to taxation through fire protection or community services districts.

One of the Grand Jury's recommendations has already been carried out – the report seconds the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs

Association's request that 20 percent of Measure Z sales tax revenue be committed to firefighting services.

The Board of Supervisors went beyond that, approving the spending \$2.2 million of the coming year's anticipated \$8.9 million in Measure Z revenue for firefighting services at a June 8 budget hearing.

The chiefs association's 20 percent benchmark was requested at the time the report was written but the association's ultimate request was for \$2.6 million in Measure Z funding. In approving the lesser amount, supervisors noted that equipment purchases will likely be less expensive than the association estimated once competitive bidding is done.

In its discussion of the fund-

ing conundrums, the Grand Jury calls attention to lack of implementation of a countywide plan to consolidate, expand and create fire protection districts. The out-of-district response issue was well-described by various firefighting officials when the chiefs association presented its annual report to supervisors on May 12.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed a Fire Services Subcommittee with Board Chair Estelle Fennell and Supervisor Virginia Bass as members. At last May's meeting, Fennell acknowledged the need for expanding districts and creating new ones, saying, "We are definitely working on it – and we need to."

In outlining its recommendations, the Grand Jury sets a five-year timeline for having "all

Humboldt County residents covered by a fire and emergency services district."

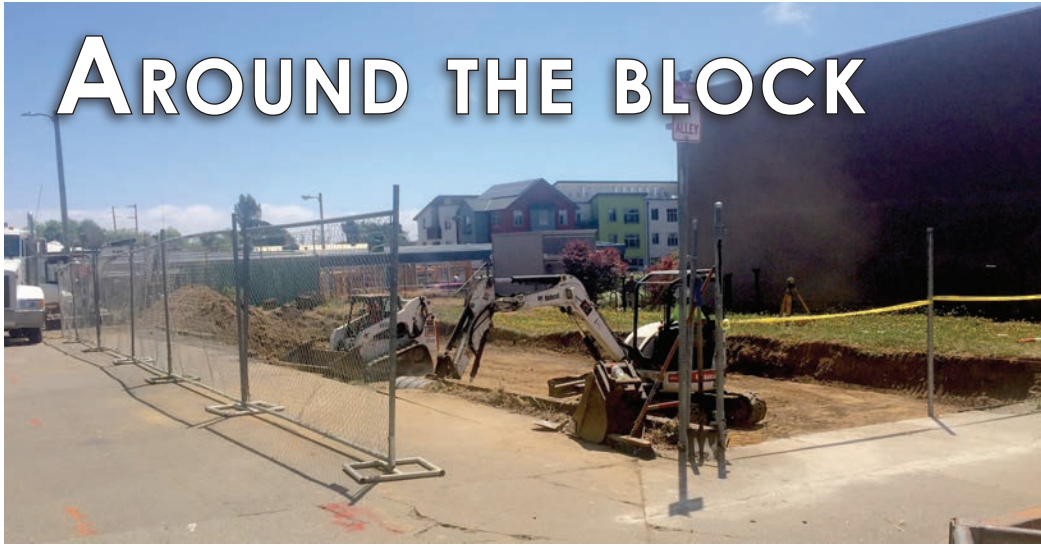
The report also urges the county to "go beyond the Measure Z temporary funding and move to a permanent funding model for a regional fire and emergency services district" led by a director of fire and emergency services.

Finally, the report recommends that the county lobby for changes in state law "to better reflect the funding needs of today's rural counties."

The Board of Supervisors will issue responses to the report. The Grand Jury also invites the chiefs association, the county's Fire Safe Council, Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Jim Wood to respond to the report's findings and recommendations.



DOWNTOWN DOINGS Big changes are taking place on the downtown block bounded by H and I streets and Eighth and Ninth streets. On the Plaza, left, Rookery Books is going out of business after 17 years. Owner Tom Clapp said he was forced to close his doors due to online competition. "In a word, Amazon," he said, referring to amazon.com. "Last Christmas didn't happen," he said. "The bottom fell out." He said the store will close "when I run out of books," possibly at the end of July. Everything in the store is now 25 percent off. The Ninth Street site of Marino's Club, which burned down in 2001, is being prepared for construction of a new, three-story mixed-use building. Owned by Gavin Hone and Joe Wolf and designed by architect Julian Berg, the building will feature commercial space on the ground floor, offices on the second floor and residential units on top. Just down Bret Harte Alley, the former PC Sacchi paint and body shop is being transformed into a restaurant called Bittersweet, a union of Humboldt Ciderworks and Slice of Humboldt Pie. The project is a collaboration between civic activist Alex Stillman and architect Kash Boodjeh, who designed the renovated building. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



PUBLIC SAFETY

Computer conundra cause complications

• **Saturday, June 6 9:31 a.m.** A Kit Street resident reported that someone may be using her computer as she sleeps. She turns it off at night, but finds it turned on in the morning, possibly by some remote means – as though anyone would try to gain remote access to someone’s computer in Arcata. **11:43 a.m.** A man with what sounded like an East Indian accent called a J Street man asking for remote access to his computer “to solve his computer software problems.” The access wasn’t provided, but police were given the suspicious caller’s information. **1:15 p.m.** Some campers use tradi-

tional tents, while others prefer ultralight tarps. Both were seen in use in the remote wildlands by a Fifth Street church’s dumpster near Uniontown. • **Sunday, June 7 3:50 a.m.** A man who claimed to have a multiple personality disorder (and possibly a knife) was said to be carrying on a vivid conversation with the cohabitants of his brainpan at a Northtown motel. Talking points included someone selling meth to his daughter in Eureka. The one-man crowd was arrested on a narcotics charge allegedly committed by one of the personalities, and though it was unclear whether they all knew about

it, everyone had to go to jail. **12:42 p.m.** A “wacko” was reported in possession of a towel on the Plaza. **1:28 p.m.** Another bedreadlocked, embackpacked traffic sprite aspirant wandered among zooming vehicles at 15th and G streets. **2:12 p.m.** A woman called police asking that a be-on-the-lookout be issued for her ex-boyfriend, who she said had busted in and stolen her computer. Asked for her address per routine, she refused to give it because she “doesn’t trust cops.” She said she had roommates and didn’t want an officer to show up at her home. Though she was assured that one would only call her, she still refused to give her address and hung up.



LISCOM'S LATEST A motorcycle stolen in Arcata was dumped underneath the Jackson Ranch Road bridge over Liscom Slough last weekend. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office took away the abandoned motorbike. PHOTO COURTESY TED HALSTEAD

Grow house tax costs paid off, results logged

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – In November 2012, Arcata residents approved a what the city now calls a High Energy Users Tax for residential electricity use in excess of 600 percent of baseline use. The purpose of what was originally termed an Excessive Electricity Use Tax is to provide a disincentive for excessive residential electricity use to help the city achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals. Since the tax was implemented in November, 2013, Arcata’s total monthly electrical use has dropped by over 1.3 million kilowatt-hours.

As of this April, 76 out of Arcata’s roughly 8,500 electric meters fall into the taxable high energy use range. This is down from 633 excessive electricity users in 2011. The total amount of energy used by high energy users has also dropped significantly since the tax went into effect. The City of Arcata’s priority for the high energy use tax revenue was to pay back PG&E an estimated \$650,000 for the cost of implementing the tax. As of this April, the city has fully paid the implementation costs to PG&E. Future tax revenues,

which amount to approximately \$25,000 a month, will provide general fund revenue and support the city’s investments into energy conservation projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Arcata. “Revenue from this tax is less than we originally projected,” says Arcata Mayor Michael Winkler, “But usage by high users is much lower than expected, which is the purpose of the tax. We have also drastically reduced large-scale indoor residential marijuana growing at no cost to the vast majority of residents of Arcata.” Between 2000 and

2006, Arcata saw a 30 percent spike in electricity consumption, while electricity usage elsewhere in California remained the same. In 2006, both the State of California and the City of Arcata adopted plans to significantly reduce the amount of greenhouse gases produced in an effort to slow climate change. The high energy use tax’s resulting reduced electricity consumption moves Arcata closer to its Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan goal of decreasing locally generated greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent below 2000 levels.

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – An Arcata woman almost got scammed June 2, but fortunately her son intervened before the professional charlatans got her money. The long-time resident, who asked that her name not be used in the newspaper, received a telephone call from a man who claimed to be her grandson. He told her that he had been arrested and was in jail and needed help. The woman asked why his voice sounded different, and he responded that he was tired, hadn’t slept much and was hungry and not feeling well. The scammer acted pathetic and pretended to cry. “He was crying, and I was crying,” the woman recalled. The imposter said that there was an officer at the jail that was very helpful and asked the woman to call him. A number was provided and the woman called it. A female con artist answered and provided instructions on how to bail her grandson out of jail. The victim was instructed to go to Safeway and purchase \$3,000 in gift cards. So that’s what she did. She obtained six gift cards, each with \$500 on it. Fortunately, on her way home from Safeway she came across her son, who informed her that she was being scammed. The woman went back to Safeway and got her money back. “It came so close,” she said.

Arcata is a work in progress, with work in progress

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata has recently contracted work for several construction projects within the city limits. The 2014 Low Impact Development Project is complete. The Seventh and G streets parking lot is now open for use. Eight parking spots along west side of the lot will not be available for use as the seeds on the pavers are not germinated yet and may take two to three weeks to sprout and be ready for use while the contractor continues to water the site. The city contracted with Mercer-Fraser Company for the Foster Avenue Extension Project to construct a new road between Alliance Road and Sunset Avenue. Construction began on Monday, April 20, and is expected to be completed by Friday, Oct. 9. Major work for this month and next month will include finishing the roundabout concrete, roadway grading, pouring asphalt concrete, finishing the grading and paving of the pedestrian/bicycle trail, applying aggregate base and paving on the Foster Avenue extension, irrigation, landscaping and fencing construction. The city contracted with McCullough Construction for the Arcata Rails with Trails Project to construct

a Class 1 bicycle and pedestrian trail from Shay Park to Samoa Boulevard. Construction began on Wednesday, April 15, and is expected to be completed by Friday, Oct. 9. Major work for next month will include finishing the trail grading, demolition of existing asphalt and sidewalks along Alliance Road and paving trails. All construction will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. On scheduled work days, please follow all directions and traffic control devices within the project area. If problems are encountered, please contact Netra Khatri, City of Arcata deputy Public Works director, at (707) 825-2173.

West End Road. Citizen Nick Kieselhorst said that as a nearby resident of the proposed innovation zone, he’d also like a shot at establishing a cannabis business but couldn’t if new businesses are restricted to the three properties. Councilmember Mark Wheelley said the testimony highlighted the need for the moratorium on new cannabis businesses. He said that without it, the innovation zone would be “not workable.” Oetker said that without controls, only “relatively large players” will be able to afford the \$8,000 to \$15,000 in permit costs, locking out smaller players. He also backtracked to some extent, stating that during upcoming Planco sessions, more overlay zones could be created to allow new cannabis businesses in locations elsewhere around town. That direction was incorporated into Wheelley’s motion to approve the ordinance. “This at least solves the lack of democracy,” Ornelas said. “I’m OK with it now.” With that clarification, the council adopted the urgency ordinance creating a moratorium on new cannabis businesses.

Be prepared for warm weather driving demands

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
HUMBOLDT – Californians may be experienced with warm weather driving, but the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) warns that summer presents a new set of challenges on the roads. “Summer travel has its own challenges that can be avoided with a little extra care,” CHP Humboldt Area Commander Captain Adam Jager said. “Be courteous of other drivers, maintain a safe speed, and eliminate distractions within your vehicle.” Some of the hazards of summer driving: • Leaving children or animals in a vehicle – dangerous at any time of year – becomes extremely dangerous. Be sure that all children are properly restrained in a safety seat or booster seat when driving. • More new drivers, generally young and inexperienced, will be on the road when school is not in session. • Visitors not only generate more traffic on the roadways, but those who are unfamiliar with an area may be distracted looking for landmarks and exits. • High temperatures may create problems for tires and engines. Hot weather can lead to blowouts in tires that have not been well maintained. • More bicycles, motorcycles and pedestrians are on the roads. Pedestrians can be unpredictable and hard to see, especially in bad weather or after dark. • Forest and grass fires generate smoke, reducing

visibility and sometimes causing road closures. More emergency vehicles may be on the road in a fire area. Check for road reports before you leave home. “When school is out and temperatures climb, family travel can be a happy occasion,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. “We can make sure it stays that way with a little trip planning and attention to safe driving.” OTS also reminds drivers to make safety a priority: • Buckle up. Every trip. Every time. • If you have a vehicle issue, drive out of traffic lanes and off the highway if possible – freeway shoulders are not a safe place for repair work. • Research road conditions and closures before getting in the car. Visit quickmap.dot.ca.gov for real-time highway conditions. A few more tips for safe summer driving from the CHP: • Vehicle care is critical: oil changes, cooling system, tires, belts and hoses, and windshield wipers and wiper fluid should all be well maintained. • Carry a roadside emergency kit with fresh water, cell phone, first aid kit, flashlight, flares and a white flag, jumper cables, jack (and ground mat) for changing a tire, work gloves, basic repair tools and duct tape, a jug of water and paper towels for cleaning up, nonperishable food, extra windshield washer fluid and maps.

Cannabiz | Urgency measure passes after discussion

❖ **FROM A1**
of ruins. He hopes an infusion of cannabis business will help revitalize and restore the blighted area to usefulness. The overlay zone would simplify creation of cannabis-related businesses and products, from pot itself to foods, lotions and other items. Meanwhile, with the cannabis trade ramping up and businesses looking to locate in fabled Arcata, the 45-day “urgency ordinance” would, as Oetker saw it, keep a lid on things until a proper regulatory framework is established. It would likely be extended another 22 months and 15 days, or some portion of that term, while details are worked out. “It’s hard to have an innovation zone when you can just do it anywhere else in the city,” Oetker said. Legal home cultivation, and the city’s two existing dispensaries would be unaffected by the suspension of the code section regulating new businesses. Diamond said that the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) is taking a hands-off attitude toward state and local legalization, as long as local laws are adequately enforced, and felony activity

such as interstate trafficking isn’t involved. “There’s a lot of burden on local government... to make sure regulations are adequately enforced,” Diamond said. She called the interim measures “a pilot project... We are proposing to move forward very cautiously. We want to start small, analyze it and see how it works.” She said the moratorium on new businesses was “very important” and would allow “a lot more creativity” in sculpting the future scenario, since the city wouldn’t be busy managing a chaotic cannabis situation elsewhere in town. A staff report said the goal was to contain the cannabis activity in one geographic area on three adjacent West End Road parcels instead of multiple locations around town in order to better comply with DOJ guidelines. The single-site concept ran into immediate opposition with two councilmembers. Councilmember Paul Pitino said the innovation zone was “a great idea” in principle, but he was concerned about “putting our innovation zone into one owner’s hands.” Two of the three parcels in the

proposed zone are held by a single owner, Hambro Forest Products, while the third is a city-owned parcel. Bob Figas, who owns the nearby Arcata Forest Products, would take on the old, un-repaid block grant loan issued to the failed Humboldt Flakeboard, and assume ownership of the properties. Pitino drew a contrast between the number of liquor selling and serving establishments in town, which he said was 70 or more, and the limit of two dispensaries in the current Land Use Code. He said it is time to consider allowing more. Councilmember Susan Ornelas said the innovation zone would make the property owner “kind of a kingpin.” “I don’t think it’s very democratic,” she said. She also questioned the staff report’s assertions that chaos could result without a moratorium, since the LUC already limits dispensaries. A citizen speaking on behalf of The Humboldt California Association dispensary said he had submitted an application for an off-site grow. He said the interim ordinance could force businesses to clean up a “Chernobyl”-like mess on

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COASTAL PLAN TALK The Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group (HBHWG) presents an informational discussion about the challenges in updating the harbor portion of the local coastal plan, titled “What is the status of the update, and what are the issues that must be resolved?” The discussion, today, June 24 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Samoa Cookhouse, covers the challenges and issues for the Harbor Local Coastal Plan update will be led by members of the Harbor Working Group. A no-host luncheon of roast beef and veggies is the main course, or choose soup of the day and salad. RSVP by contacting (707) 441-1974 or Charles.Bean@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY “Understanding Personal and Community Resiliency” with Dawn Albrecht will be featured at Transition Humboldt’s June potluck on Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd., Bay-side. Using a bottom-up approach, Albrecht describes factors that contribute to personal and community resiliency, and how developing these now will better enable us to help ourselves and one another in an emergency. Using an interactive process, she will go through the process of identifying the elements of an “umbrella of protection” at both the personal and community levels that can help guide the recovery process. A \$3 donation will be requested at the door. Please bring a dish to share, drinks and your own plate, cup and utensils. No alcohol allowed at this venue. For more information, contact Larry Goldberg at (707) 845-7272. *Transition-Humboldt.org*

AUDUBON CAMPING TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a camping field trip Friday to Sunday, June 26 to 28, in Lassen Volcanic National Park. The group will stay at Lost Creek Campground, Group Camp Site No. 4. Members of Redwood Region, Wintu, Altacal, and Redbud Audubon Societies will participate. Campers can arrive at the campsite any time on Friday afternoon or later. Day trippers for Saturday, June 27 should meet at the Redding Civic Auditorium (Convention Center) at 8 a.m. to carpool. Day trippers for Sunday, June 28, meet at the campsite at 9 a.m. This time of year is ideal for observing nesting birds. Participants will bird Manzanita Lake and vicinity Saturday morning. The rest of the itinerary is open and will depend on the interests of participants. Lost Creek has primitive facilities such as pit toilets and no electricity, but potable water is available. Contact Bill Oliver (530) 941-7741 or e-mail wwoliver9@gmail.com for more information.

AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 27. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

BUTTERFLY TALK Join the Humboldt Botanical Garden (HBG) on Saturday, June 27 at 11 a.m. in the HBG Green House as Dr. Frank McLarnon describes about 20 common butterflies that one might encounter in the Humboldt Botanical Gardens and nearby areas. Butterfly identification, caterpillar food plant preferences and their habitats and habits will be discussed. The presentation will be followed by a walk in the gardens to view and identify any butterflies that may be on the wing. McLarnon and his wife Maureen live in Orinda in the Bay Area, and they frequently visit their Big Lagoon cottage here in Humboldt County. McLarnon has been interested in butterflies and moths for more than 50 years, and he is a member of the Lepidopterists Society. The McLarnons enjoy observing and photographing butterflies and wildflowers while hiking in Humboldt County, the Sierras, and Coast Ranges of California, and Frank always brings along his net in case a particularly interesting butterfly or moth flies nearby. Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors, children aged 6 to 17, students and active military/ free for HBG members. The Humboldt Botanical Garden is located at 7707 Tomp-

kins Hill Rd., Eureka, at the north entrance to College of the Redwoods, exit 698, off U.S. Highway 101. It is open Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is plenty of free parking in the Mercer Fraser Auto Garden. (707) 442-5139, hbgsf.org

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 27 at 2 p.m. Meet leaders Jane and Richard Wilson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

DUNES TOUR Join a Friends of the Dunes naturalist for a guided tour of the Ma-le’l Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, June 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. This site features freshwater and saltwater marshes, a coastal forest, large open dunes, and a skeleton forest. Meet at the Ma-le’l North parking lot, off of Young Lane in Manila. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

SLOW-SPEED FOAM MARSH TOUR On Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m., Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour will last 45 to 60 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month. Call leader Jane Wilson at (707) 822-3475 with any questions.



DOG PARK POSSIBILITY The City Council last week heard pleas from dog owners to create a “destination dog park” in Arcata. Members of the Arcata Dog Park Working Group would like to establish at least one, possibly two dog parks – one in south Arcata and the other in Valley West. Of multiple possible sites, they favor the Little Lake Industries property located adjacent to the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Dog park planing will continue while the working group continues to fundraise. arcatadogpark.com IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA



JACOBY ECO-HIKE Arcata’s Ecology Hike 2015 was held in the Jacoby Creek Forest (JCF) on June 6. About 20 people attended the hike. The weather was fabulous and the attendees seemed to really enjoy themselves. Michael McDowall, natural resource technician, spoke about a multitude of current city forestland topics; things such as Spotted owl/Barred owl interactions, Fisher habitat, coho salmon and native rainbow trout, downstream restorations that affect the Jacoby Creek watershed, botanical species of the JCF, illicit use of city forests, city forestry practices and the city’s carbon offset credits available for public purchase through Environmental Services. The most re-occurring question asked was, “Can you lead more hikes like this?” The hike was hosted by McDowall and Javier Nogueira of the Environmental Services Department.

PHOTOS BY JAVIER NOGUEIRA



TRAILS DAY For National Trails Day Saturday, June 6, the City of Arcata worked with 20 community volunteers, under the guidance and direction of Natural Resources Crew Leader Dennis Houghton, and helped build a new trail in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest. Left to right, Dr. John Sullivan, Dr. Rebecca Stauffer, a log prepared for lifting and the log rounding a corner. Lunch was provided by Volunteer Center of the Redwoods/RSVP. PHOTOS BY MAUREEN MCGARRY | RSVP

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RIDGE TRAIL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY The City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council’s Volunteer Trail Stewards invite you to help connect the Arcata Ridge Trail with its northernmost trailhead on West End Road on Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in the gravel parking area next to Creative Mathematics at 4001 West End Rd, Arcata. From the St. Louis Road roundabout, proceed north on West End Road under the Highway 101 overpass. About 0.1 miles past the concrete barricades on the right, meet is the gravel parking area on the left. From Highway 101 going north, turn onto State Route 299 east then take the first exit. At the off-ramp stop sign, turn right then right again onto West End Road. Continue south about 0.8 miles until you see the Creative Mathematics building on your right. Be sure to wear a long sleeved shirt, work pants and boots and bring rain gear, water and gloves. Tools, snacks and beverages will be provided and new volunteers are always welcome! (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org



TRAILBLAZERS Susan Wardrip, Rees Hughes and Amy Uyeki load gravel at an April trail-building work day. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

OPINION

Doggie destinations

Last night I watched the Arcata City Council meeting with great interest. I was especially interested in the PowerPoint presentation given by the Arcata Dog Park Working Group. It was a great PowerPoint. Thank you! The group has worked tirelessly over the last 1½ years to help to bring a Premier Destination Dog Park to Arcata. The location for the dog park that they have set their site on is the 12 acre Little Lake property on I Street, just south of Samoa Blvd., on the way to the Arcata Marsh. You may watch the City Council meeting on the City's website, cityofarcata.org. The PowerPoint on the dog park, and subsequent discussion was about 40 minutes or so into the meeting.

LETTERS

I am very familiar with the Little Lake property because I have owned my house around the block from it for 28 years. The site used to be zoned heavy industrial with my neighbor's back yards on the other side of the creek from it, Jolly Giant Creek. For many years, most of our neighborhood had to endure industrial noise that we could not escape from, anywhere in our houses, caused by industry on the other side of I Street. Thankfully, eventually that noise ended but I knew that any industrial development on the Little Lake property could have an even greater negative impact on our neighborhood. I joined the General Plan Update Committee in 2000 to represent our neighborhood and tried my best to get the property rezoned, but to no avail. It was eventually rezoned to light industrial. It has always irked me that the City of Arcata seemed bent on developing this piece of property whether it be as an industrial development or even as a commercial development, and could not see the property's much greater potential. After all, the property is adjacent to one of the "jewels" of our city, the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Refuge. Jolly Giant Creek has always flooded my neighbor's yards on the opposite side of the street, and with global warming it has become an increasingly common occurrence over the years. The creek flooding is another good reason to never do any major development on the Little Lake property, which is adjacent to it.



News Item: Arcata paws its way toward creation of a "destinaton" dog park.

I am a strong proponent of the idea of a Premier Destination Dog Park in Arcata and I feel that the Little Lake Property is the ideal location for it. I know all of the constraints of the Little Lake property and I think that it will be well worth all the effort and investment of resources by the city and otherwise, in order to make a dog park there. My personal vision for the Little Lake property is that one day it will not only house a Premier Destination Dog Park, but that all or at least most of the property will be rezoned to allow public use. The Little Lake property has so much potential for so many recreational uses. The property is approximately 12 acres. Being that size, it has the potential to be a great recreational destination. Besides a dog park it could also house a beautiful people park that would be so compatible to the Arcata Marsh and the dog park. People could spend the whole day there taking their dog to the dog park, walking the marsh, and then have a barbecue or

picnic and relax and with friends and family, all taking place within five blocks of the Arcata Plaza. Perhaps the city could rezone a portion of the property to be used as an eco-lodge/hostel, and/or a bicycle tourist campground, etc. The eco-lodge is an old idea that I think has much more credence at this point in time with foreign travel being unaffordable to so many people. The property is constrained by a debt that the city owes the state. Developing Little Lake for recreation and tourism purposes will bring in revenues and benefit the city in so many ways. It would be worth it for the city to find ways to pay the debt soon. Perhaps there are other properties that the city owns that it could sell off to help pay the debt off sooner. Arcata has not had a large project like I am proposing in some time. I know some people will say we cannot afford to do something like this now, but from another perspective, perhaps we cannot afford to not do a project

like this now. It would bring new life and energy to the Arcata Marsh and Arcata in general and provide a unifying goal that the city and its citizens could realize together. Last year we visited Redding and its "jewel," the Sundial Bridge. I spoke to many of the locals about it and heard stories about how the city was so divided on the idea of building it. It was going to cost so much money and it seemed completely unfeasible. However, a portion of the community believed in the project. They had a vision that they not only could make it happen, but that it would change the face of Redding, and it did. People travel to Redding just to see the bridge. Arcata has already done something special like that when the city created the Arcata Marsh and maybe it is time to do it again. I think investing in the Little Lake property now, will pay off in many great ways throughout the future.

Dana Quillman
Arcata

Gimme shelter

The Eureka City Council made a wise decision to maintain the contract with the Humboldt County Animal Shelter in the budget for the upcoming year. The City of Eureka does not have the facility or staff to operate its own animal shelter, and attempting to do so would be significantly more expensive than the contract with the county. As evidence, I would point to the fact that in 2002, the county, which used to contract with Sequoia Humane Society for \$20,000 a month, decided to build and run a shelter in order to save money. Constructing the shelter cost \$4 million and the cost to run it is around \$83,000 a month. No savings there. Cities and counties are mandated by California law to control stray dogs and dangerous animals. They cannot simply ignore the problem. At this time, contracting with the County Animal Shelter is the most cost-effective way of meeting this mandate. In the long run, controlling the births of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens would greatly reduce the problem and the cost, and a handful of small nonprofit rescue groups, which receive no government funding, are working hard to provide affordable spaying and neutering to all who need it.

Jennifer Raymond
Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network
Eureka

The McKinleyville Library's friends could use your help

Anybody who has ever tried to raise money for a worthy cause knows it isn't easy. There are so many non-profit organizations to support, and most of us have limited funds to contribute. When I moved to McKinleyville in 1994, I joined the Friends of the Library. In the old days, Friends groups mostly provided the nice "extras," but after Prop 13 eroded tax revenues, everything changed. The Friends of the McKinleyville Library took the lead in raising money to move the collection out of a 900-square-foot corner of the high school library into a new building owned by the McKinleyville Community Services District. Once that was opened, we began working toward an expansion. The community stepped up again and helped us accomplish that; since then we've been happy to stick to smaller projects, such as new racks for the media collection, supplies for the Summer Reading Program and Story Time crafts,

magazines and newspapers and the bench in front of the library. We are fortunate to have a steady source of revenue for these expenditures. A monthly sale of used books brings in the money we need to supplement the county budget. Many Friends groups sell used books, because it fits so well with the mission of getting books into the hands of readers. It also keeps old, but readable books out of the landfill and exposes readers to titles they might not come across otherwise. The prices are always low, so even people with very little money to spare can afford some books. We couldn't do it without plenty of help. Lots of people in the community donate their used books to stock the store. The librarian gets first pick of everything that comes in, but the vast majority of the donations go to the sale. One or two bags can be turned in to the library during open

hours, or at the booksale. We can't accept moldy books or others in very poor condition, or Reader's Digest Condensed Books, which don't sell. We have limited space, so we need to concentrate on books, tapes and videos we know from experience will be popular. Anne Pierson, owner of the shopping center, allows us to use an empty storefront for the sales, which is a huge blessing. Volunteers transport books, sort them and get everything ready for the monthly sales, work during them and clean up afterward. It's a big effort, but the results are amazing, funding most of our budget each year. The monthly sales are on the second Saturday of each month – except July – from 1 to 4 p.m. next to the Totem Pole in the shopping center. Each month has a theme, and sometimes the workers even dress up to match it. There are three Friends who do the major-

ity of the work, and one of them needs a break, so we are looking for a few volunteers to help pick up the tasks she usually performs. The tasks can be broken down into manageable chunks so the time commitment is flexible. It's a great way to support the library without attending meetings. If you think you could help us out, please call Teri at (707) 839-3553 or email her at huberos@suddenlink.net. Recently I was reading a mediocre book, which I had picked up mainly because it was set in California. It seems to me that too many of the books set in the United States take place in New York City. So I look out for novels set in California – even Bakersfield. I got to thinking about having that be a theme for a monthly sale, and suggested it to one of the volunteers who plans them. She liked the idea, and emailed the next week, to report she had set aside the first book – *Locked Rooms* by Laurie R King. That's

a great start, one of my favorite titles by King; it's part of her Holmes and Russell series, a pastiche of the Sherlock Holmes character and his wife, Mary Russell. *Locked Rooms* takes place in San Francisco in the 1920s, with flashbacks to the time of the earthquake and fire in 1906. King also writes a series set in the city in modern times, featuring Inspector Kate Martinelli. We are completely dependent on donations, so it's too soon to tell if we will have enough California books for a monthly theme, or even a special section. If you'd like to gift some, it would be a kindness to the volunteers to put a note on the front, "Set in California," to ease the sorting process. Elizabeth Alves notes that *Locked Rooms* includes Dashiell Hammett, also an author of books set in San Francisco, as a character. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

Arcata House is cutting back, but carrying on as best it can

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I let our community and friends know that Arcata House Partnership did not receive the core funding from the state that we have counted on for nearly 20 years. While we are still trying to understand what happened, the board and staff and I are working hard to re-group and re-configure our programs. As you may remember, we expanded services two years ago when Arcata House and the Humboldt All Faith Partnership merged. With the merger, Arcata House Partnership became the sole provider of services to homeless individuals and families in the northern Humboldt Bay area. We were encouraged by the Department of Housing and Community Development to expand again a year ago when we added a small pilot rapid re-housing program. Rapid re-housing

represents a new approach, based on current research, which provides people with financial support and then provides services once they are housed. The research shows that when we can shorten the time a person is homeless, they are more likely to remain stably housed. The rapid re-housing program and our family shelter programs were mainly funded with these federal funds that were passed down to communities through the state. The Night Shelter also received some funding from this program. We were very fortunate because this funding made it possible for us to operate these programs effectively with minimal support from the community. It is disappointing, not only that we were not funded, but that no fund-

ing was received by any rural agency north of Santa Rosa. This leaves our community without these valuable resources that were helping families and individuals quickly secure permanent housing. With the re-configuration of the Multiple Assistance Center in Eureka, there are few resources for families with children. Despite this loss of funding, we are aware that homelessness has reached a crisis point in our community, so we are doing everything we can to keep our doors open. Our plan is to decrease the number of people at the Night Shelter effective July 1. Our goal is to raise enough money by the fall to return to full capacity when the weather is cold and miserable. We will also cut back on case management and supportive services at the Family

Shelter and completely close down the rapid re-housing program. We will continue to submit applications for funding, but the necessity to cut back programs may make our application even less competitive. I have reached out to other local service providers and we are working together to see how we can combine forces to expand our capacity to compete in future application rounds. We are also working closely with our state legislators to advocate for funding for rural communities like ours. We have already begun to reach out to our circle of supporters, our long time donors and others who can help us keep our programs going at levels that will enable us to compete for funding with urban providers. We are hoping that our community will step up as they have in the past. If 200 people donate \$1,000 or 2,000

people donate \$100, we will have enough funding to bring us back to our previous capacity. It is a very difficult time for all of us at AHP, but we all feel hopeful that with the support of our caring community, we will weather this storm and return to full capacity supporting the most vulnerable in the community. If you would like to help or have suggestions or ideas, feel free to contact me at msfox12@suddenlink.net or (707) 822-4528. Karen "Fox" Olson, MSW, LCSW, has been the executive director of Arcata House Partnership since 2001. During this time, she and her co-workers have helped hundreds of people move out of homelessness. She will continue to do everything she can to make sure that everyone has a place to live that is safe, decent and affordable.



Can you catch the Fly Ball?

A Fly Ball has landed in the pages of the *Mad River Union*! Look carefully and you'll find the Fly Ball on the ad of one of the businesses supporting the *Union's* Crabs coverage. Find an entry form in the editions of May 27 or June 3 (or pick one up at the *Union* office) and every week write down

the name of the business where the Fly Ball landed in the space provided. At the end of 10 weeks, return your completed form to the office of the *Mad River Union*, 791 Eighth St., Ste. 8, Arcata, CA, 95521 and you will be entered in a drawing to win restaurant gift certificates, hot tub tickets, Police



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CANNABIS MAKES YOU CRAZY! Faked Union news story on Kevin Hoover's iPad, above, as the newsmen prepares for his scene with *The Diva of Sativa*, played by Joan Schirle. Center, an actual filmmaking device. Bottom, a display of prop nuggets that looked curiously like broccoli.

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BLUE LAKE – “John came to see the play twice and he said, ‘You should make a film,’ and it’s now two years into the process,” Michael Fields explained.

Fields is the director of *Mary Jane: The Musical* currently playing on stage at Dell’Arte through July 5. And John is John Howarth, the director of *Mary Jane: A Musical Potumentary*.

Howarth lives in London but has been filming on location around Humboldt County. “I’m partially living here,” he said.

He’s a BBC veteran of 25 years and was nominated for an Emmy for *The Lost World*.

“I was particularly impressed that, as well as celebrating all the positives, the show also acknowledges and explores the darker side,” Howarth wrote on the *Potumentary* website.

“I think now is the perfect time to bring this story out to a broader audience and Dell’Arte is the group of artists to make it happen.”

At a recent shoot at the Humboldt Coun-

❖ ON THE SET

MARY JANE
a musical potumentary

ty Board of Supervisors’ chambers, Howarth was in good spirits and working hard as both director and director of photography.

He had a cast of one actual supervisor (Mark Lovelace), four actors playing the other supervisors (who had declined invitations to participate), three impassioned women demanding that the supes “Regulate Us,” various other characters from the musical, and a whole passel of Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir members who had been invited to lipsync backup on the song.

Assistant Director Caitlin Volz clapped the scene boards, kept choir members on track, wrangled others into place, and facilitated the flow of the shoot.

“You are the best-behaved group of extras I’ve ever seen,” she told the gospel choir.

“You might want to talk to our [choir] director about that,” joked Halimah Collingwood, one of the choir’s original members.

Another local who had the chance to be in the movie is Kevin Hoover, editor-at-large of the *Mad River Union*, and formerly editor of the *Arcata Eye*.

There’s a character called Kev Bissell in the musical who wears a shirt with the *Arcata Eye* logo on it, glasses and a fedora. For those readers who are too young to remember, both Hoover and Bissell are brand names of vacuum cleaners.

Hoover showed up for his shoot at a sound stage in HSU’s Theatre Arts building “wearing my Kevin Hoover rig – glasses and a fedora, which denotes ‘journalist’ in old movies – and John said, ‘You look perfect,’” reported Hoover.



He may have looked perfect, but Hoover was stressed. “Good actors make it look easy,” he said. “If you’re new to that milieu, it can be grueling. A dozen or more people staring at you and devices trained on you, while you’ve got to deliver nuance. But everyone was so kind and sweet.”

His character plays off Mary Jane, providing tension and a foil for her point of view. (The same character in the musical had three representatives of the *Union* rolling on the grass with laughter on opening night, June 18.)

Tension and a dose of reality are part of the plan for the *Potumentary*. “I’m weaving a certain element of documentary into it,” Howarth said. “We’ll have the fire chief talking about [grow] house fires and Fish and Game people talking about the effect on the environment. But the songs are what carry the show.” Howarth has been shooting and directing “principally documentary dramas” for the past 10 years.

The pace is swift and tough on the actors who are performing in the musical at the same time they are in the movie. “There’s a lot of pressure on them, I know,” Howarth said. “But it’s the only way we could have afforded to do it. We have all the actors in place now.”

Howarth hopes to get the film finished in the spring of 2016 “for film festivals.” The main release would be later in the year. “We want to get this out next September,” he explained, “that will be on the leadup to the election in November.”

And it’s happening thanks to “kind and generous” investors. The film project had a successful Kickstarter campaign last fall.



BUT I PLAY ONE IN THE MOVIES The real Kev fake-interviews Mary Jane.

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Fields was thrilled with that success. “At first we had no money,” he said. “Then, a couple of people helped us to get started. It was great – we could rent a truck. We could rent a camera. We could have food at the shoots.”

Joan Schirle, Dell’Arte’s founding artistic director, plays Mary Jane in both the play and the film. “It’s a different animal, I gotta say. First of all the lines are slightly different and that’s a bit maddening. John has cut and pasted them out of the order that they are in the play,” she said.

“But that’s not so bad. At least in a movie you can stop. The other big difference is the amount of time. First you wait and then you have to do it again and again. You don’t just have a wonderful burst of energy for your moment,” she said. “You have to call it up again and again.”

This is Schirle’s first movie and it’s unusual that she would star in her first effort. Don’t forget she’s the Empress Sativa, the Queen of the Emerald Ball. She can handle it.

The film, of course, can always use more funding and support; at opening night of *Mary Jane: The Musical*, exiting theatre-goers pitched bills into buckets held by cast members. The website, *maryjanemusical.com* also has information on how to donate. As Mary Jane said from the stage at the end of the opening performance, “If you have any extra cash buried in Mason jars, we could use it.”



See plein air painters perform public acts of art in pastoral arbor by the seaside

REDWOOD ART ASSOCIATION

TRINIDAD – Twenty-two artists will work en plein air in the seventh Art in the Garden on Sunday, June 28 in the five-acre oceanside garden of Howard and Pat Wells in Trinidad.

They will have woodland, ponds, a sea stack rock garden, meadow, orchard and berry and vegetable patches to capture on canvas. The garden features a variety of labeled rare plant specimens.

This should be an extraordinary event for art lovers and people interested in plants not usually seen in Humboldt County. “Art in the Garden gives people a great opportunity to watch and talk with artists as they work outdoors,” said event co-chair Jen Snelgrove of the Redwood Art Association (RAA).

There will be demonstrations and presentations by Andrew Daniel, Joyce Jonté and Guy Clement Joy. Jonté will paint a live costumed model in watercolor at 1 p.m. Her presentation is titled “Figure in the Garden.” Daniel will demonstrate “Floral Painting in Oil” at 2 p.m. Joy will conduct an open discussion on “Exploring the Artistic Process” at 3 p.m., covering how he goes about developing a painting.

Other artists working in the garden this year are Mary Louise Anderson, Bobbi Bennetzen, Jay Brown, Jody Bryan, Marj Early, Howdy Emerson, Nancy Flemming, Janet Frost, Jan Hollander, John Jameton, Margaret Kellerman, Samuel Lunden, Pat Kanzler, Jim McVicker, Terry Oats, Jan Ramsey, Camille Regli, Leo Stafness and Jim Welsh.

No parking is available at the gardens. Parking and shuttle service are being provided by Cher-Ae Heights Casino at 27 Scenic Dr. in Trinidad. For handicap vehicle parking information, phone (707) 954-0221.

Admission is limited to individuals 16 years and older and no dogs are allowed at the event.

Art in the Garden is a fundraiser to support RAA programs. The all-volunteer organization has some 350 members.

Tickets include a glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the entrance. They are available online, by mail or at The Garden Gate, Wildberries Marketplace and Mad River Gardens in Arcata, Miller Farms Nursery in McKinleyville and Eureka Natural Foods and Redwood Art Association Gallery in Eureka.

Order tickets online at redwoodart.us and pick them up at the entry gate on the day of the event. To order by mail,



SEE IT MADE! Howdy Emerson of Trinidad paints under observation during the 2014 Art in the Garden. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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McK FARMERS’ MARKET Get your fresh local vegetables, fruit and flowers straight from the farmer, plus enjoy barbecued meats and live music Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

MARY JANE: THE MUSICAL III Don’t miss the show on everyone’s lips, Thursday through Sunday at 8 p.m. in Dell’Arte’s Rooney Amphitheatre in Blue Lake. Tickets are \$18/\$15 students and seniors/\$10 kids 12 and under. To reserve tickets, call (707) 668-5663 ext. 20 or visit [dellarte.com](#). Arrive 30 to 45 minutes early to get a good spot in the backyard, dress warmly and bring your own chairs and/or blankets.

II BIG Eureka Main Street’s Summer Concert Series this Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m. at the C Street Market Square, Eureka, features the classic rock of II Big. (707) 442-9054

FRIDAY NIGHT FEATURE Thanks to the *POV* documentary program, the McKinleyville library is able to host a film screening and discussion of the film *Dance For Me* by Katrine Philp on Friday, June 26 starting at 5:30 p.m. This film explores the world of international competitive ballroom dance by following Egor, a 15-year old Russian dancer, as he leaves home to partner with Mie, a 14-year old dancer from Denmark. This film is the fascinating story of two young people growing together as they bond over dance and competition. There will be two more “Friday Night Feature” films this summer.

FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS On Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m., Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr., screens the 1940 wartime romantic classic *Waterloo Bridge*, starring Vivian Leigh and Robert Taylor and directed by Mervyn LeRoy. The film was Oscar nominated for best cine-

matography and best original score. Admission is \$5, and refreshments will be available.

PSYCH OUT Enjoy an evening of psychedelic alternative rock at Blondies Food & Drink, 420 East California Ave., Arcata, on Friday, June 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. DJ Positive Idiaz kicks off the show at 8 p.m. and will be spinning blue vinyl between sets by LA touring bands Mild High Club and Hemingway. Also featuring Humboldt’s own psychedelic guitarist BeThisBell, host of The Flower Power Hour on KMUD. Admission is \$7/\$5 with a canned food donation for Food For People. Advance tickets are available at The Works, People’s Records and Wildberries Marketplace.

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a special World Dance Party, Friday, June 26 from 7:15 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. The event begins with a potluck dinner with special performances by bands from Oregon and Washington as well as local bands Chubritza and The Ethniks. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, [ckurumada@aol.com](#), [humboldtfolkdancers.org](#)

MUSIC AT THE MARKET Fire It Up play the Arcata Farmers’ Market this Saturday, June 27. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

WORLD DANCE FOR KIDS The Trinidad Branch of the Humboldt County Library kicks off their Summer Reading Program with “Dance around the World,” a free dance workshop with Nikola Clay, Saturday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children ages five and older and their families are invited to experience a variety of cultures through the universal language of music and dance as Nikola teaches several easy folk dances, the favorites of children near and far. Dances will include El Juego Chirimbolo from Ecuador, La Mariposa “Butterfly Dance” from Bolivia, Los Machetes from Mexico, Niwawa “Clay Doll” from China, and the Penguin Dance from Antarctica. The Trinidad Library is located at 380 Janis Court, next to the Trinidad Museum. (707) 677-0227

MOKKA MUSIC The Ethniks plays international tunes on Saturday, June 27 at 8 p.m. at the always-relaxed Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all ages show. (707) 822-2228

AT THE ALIBI Humboldt Free Radio presents psych surf punk rockers The Mother Vines and Macktown math metalheads Super Demon at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St., Arcata, on Saturday, June 27 at 11 p.m. Admission is \$3; 21 and over only.

BIG TOP FAMILY SERIES It’s full of circus mayhem, music and big-time funny in Dell’Arte’s Big Hammer Tent in Blue Lake, Sunday June 28 and July 5 at 2 p.m. See clowns, acrobats, magicians, jugglers and all kinds of acts of amazement shaded from the sun under the big top. Tickets are \$10/\$5 for kids 12 and under. (707) 668-5663 ext. 20, [dellarte.com](#)

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL JD Jeffries and Michael Stewart play at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, Sunday, June 28, starting at 5 p.m.

WHERE IS GOD WHEN THINGS GO WRONG? How to find peace in the midst of unexpected tragedy will be explored at Lifetree Café on Sunday, June 28 at 7 p.m. The program, titled “When Everything Goes Wrong, Where Is God?” includes a filmed interview with Denise Lauerman, a woman who coped with the death of two children and her husband. In the midst of sadness and brokenness, Lauerman says she feels peace. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with snacks and beverages on the corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata. (707) 672-2919

THE GREEN On Sunday, June 28, The Green, with special guests The Expanders, play the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. with happy hour prices on food and beverages until 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 at Ticketfly, Wildberries Marketplace, People’s Records, The Works and The Headroom in Ukiah. \$25 at the door. The show is 21 and over.

WHO’S AT FIRST HSU’s First Street Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka, presents “Young Alumni 2015,” on exhibit from Tuesday, June 30 through Sunday, Sept. 6. The show features works by 40 recent graduates from HSU’s Art Department, whose art includes sculpture, jewelry, painting, graphic design, mixed media, photography, printmaking and ceramics. HSU First Street Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. (707) 443-6363, [humboldt.edu/first](#)

LOCAVORES’ DELIGHT Find fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, plant starts and flowers every Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wildberries Marketplace’s Farmers’ Market, 747 13th St., Arcata. (707) 822-0095

TACO TUESDAY DANCE PARTY DJs Gabe Pressure and Zero Juan spin cumbia, salsa, reggaeton, & tropical bass, with favorite fusion food truck Taco Faktory parked out front of Richard’s Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata, every Tuesday starting at 8 p.m.

Shakespeare, CenterArts & Symphony seasons

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – Three Humboldt County institutions have recently announced their upcoming seasons. Plays in the Park, the Eureka Symphony and Center Arts offer a plethora of entertainment this summer and beyond.

Plays in the Park
Back for its third season, Plays in the Park is bigger and better, offering one of Shakespeare’s most beloved comedies, cracked fairy tales for the whole family, European opera, and more, all in Arcata’s Redwood Park.

On July 11, see *The 24 Hour 10 Minute Play Festival*, featuring the work of five writers, five directors, and 15 actors in five original plays written and rehearsed in 24 hours. *Il Matrimonio and Others: An Evening of Opera* directed by Jo Kuzelka and Elisabeth Harrington runs July 17 to 25.

This summer’s Shakespeare offering is *Twelfth Night (or what you will)*, directed by David Hamilton. Shows start Friday, Aug. 7 and run through Sept. 5. *The Unprincess* by Edith Weiss, directed by Megan Johnson is the free Sunday matinée show for all ages, running Aug. 9 to Sept. 6.

Tickets for *Twelfth Night* and *Il Matrimonio* are \$12/\$10 for students and seniors (\$2 off for pre-sale) and are available now at the Arcata Parks and Recreation Office or by calling (707) 826-7091. [playsinthepark.net](#)
CenterArts

CenterArts’ performing arts season runs from August through May on the HSU campus. CenterArts once again brings something for everyone, with jazz, classical, folk, rock and world music, dance, circus, comedy and science. Season highlights include performances by “Weird Al” Yankovic, John Prine, Melissa Etheridge, Sharon Jones, Garrison Keillor, Bill Nye The Science Guy, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Blue Man Group, Ry Cooder and many more. It all starts on Aug. 11 with a performance by Esperanza Spalding.

For more information, or to receive a brochure with a complete listing of the 2015/2016 season, call CenterArts at (707) 826-3928. Information is also available at [humboldt.edu/centerarts](#) or [facebook.com/CenterArtsHSU](#).

Eureka Symphony
The Eureka Symphony’s 2015-2016 season begins Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3, with Mozart’s *Symphony No. 39* and Brahms’ *Double Concerto in A minor, Op. 102*, featuring brothers David and Aaron Requiro. David Requiro has emerged as one of today’s most promising young cellists. Violinist Aaron Requiro has been an active performer and teacher around California, and the Midwest.

The season continues on Dec. 4 and 5 with the popular holiday concert. A variety of holiday favorites are on the program: Bach’s *Sinfonia*, from the *Christmas Oratori*, Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, with choir and soloists and a musical version of *Scrooge*, with narrator Donald Forrest, concluding with the annual Christmas carol singalong.

On March 4 and 5, 2016, the orchestra will perform the works of great 20th century composers, including Sibelius’ *Symphony No. 2* and Arturo Márquez’ *Conga del Fuego Nuevo*. Rounding out this unusual concert is the appearance of harpist/tango dancer Anna Maria Mendieta in *Tango Suite*.

On April 8 and 9, 2016, the symphony performs a concert dedicated to the contributions made to film by great composers Rossini, Debussy, Strauss, Handel and contemporary composers John Williams and Hans Zimmer.

The 2015-2016 Season concludes on May 20 and 21, 2016, with Shostakovich’s *Symphony No. 9* and Mendelssohn’s *Hebrides Overture*. Guest artists Tom Nugent and Andrea Plesnarski will play Albinoni’s *Concerto No. 12 for Two Oboes*.
(707) 845-3655, [eurekasymphony.org](#)

| CALENDAR | VENUE | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | FRIDAY, JUNE 26 | SATURDAY, JUNE 27 | SUNDAY, JUNE 28 | MONDAY, JUNE 29 | TUESDAY, JUNE 30 |
|----------|---|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata | 6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night | | 4 p.m. • FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 | | 7 p.m. • The Green & The Expanders | | |
| | Blondies Food & Drink 420 E. California Ave., Arcata | 6 p.m. Buddy Reed | 7 p.m. Open Mic Night | 7 p.m. Psych Out | | 7 p.m. Jazz Night | 7 p.m. Quiz Night | 7 p.m. • Human Expression Night |
| | Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake | | 8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | 9 p.m. The Getdown | 9 p.m. Cold Blue Water | 8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | | |
| | Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad | all day Free pool | | 9 p.m. Eyes Anonymous | 9 p.m. Pressure Anya | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay | 8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay |
| | Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata | 9 p.m. Sam Outlaw | | 9:30 p.m. • Honk! FestWest Caravan Tour | | | | |
| | Jambalaya 915 H St., Arcata | | 10 p.m. Sound Culture | 10 p.m. Club Triangle | | | 9 p.m. The GetDown Crew | 8 p.m. Comedy Night |
| | Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata | | 7 p.m. Claire Bent | 7 p.m. Susie Laraine | 7 p.m. Tom Toohey & Bon Swing | | | 7 p.m. Buddy Reed |
| | Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake | 8 p.m. LIVE Turtle Races | 9 p.m. Kaptain Kirk | 9 p.m. '80s Night | | 6 p.m. Potluck dinner | all day Free pool | all day Ping pong |
| | Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake | 6 p.m. RLA Trio | 6 p.m. The UnderCovers | 6 p.m. Redwood Ramblers | 6 p.m. • Lizzy & The Moonbeams | all day Show & Shine | | 6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz |
| | Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata | | 8 p.m. The Attics | | 8 p.m. Blaze & Blue | | 6 p.m. Open Bluegrass Jam | |
| | Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville | | 9 p.m. • Thursday Night Blue Grass Open Jam | 9 p.m. Jimi Jeff | | 8 p.m. Trivia Night | 8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv | |

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Sunshine's story

Sunshine's story is one of a community working together to take responsibility for unowned animals. When a pregnant stray tabby wandered into his yard in April, Will called Companion Animal Foundation. He had fallen in love with her, but couldn't commit to taking care of kittens.

As fate would have it, Autumn had recently contacted Companion Animal Foundation wanting to provide foster care for mama cats. Sunshine came to the CAF adoption room for a few days and then joined Autumn and her family. Sunshine gave birth to five healthy kittens on April 30 and stayed with Autumn's family, getting snuggles and care, until recently.

Autumn's family decided to keep two of the little ones, and the other three have joined the party in the CAF adoption room as Larry, Moe and Curly while they await forever homes. CAF spayed Sunshine and returned her to Will's care.

To learn how to become a foster, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook, call (707) 826-PETS (7387) or stop by the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata.



Sunshine and her kittens

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE WARNING The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) has issued an early warning this year to avoid contact with algae. Blue-green algae can be present in any freshwater body. It looks like dark green, blue-green, orange or brown scum, foam or mats floating on the water. These "blooms" can produce natural toxins that are very potent. Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water for longer periods of time. DHHS recommends that you keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats. Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet or livestock might have been poisoned by blue-green algae toxins. cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/environmentalhealth/water/Pages/bluegreenalgae.aspx

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- ___la-la
- Mayo container
- Bullets
- On one's feet
- Length times width
- Word for a candle flame's disappearance
- San Francisco tourist attraction
- Carriers
- Consider, archaically
- Way to go: abbr.
- Staff
- Refreshing spot
- Prefix for sound or violet
- Freshwater fish
- Symbol of approval
- On ___; having continuous success
- Part of the psyche
- Sicker than before
- Mathematical symbols
- Clothing protector
- English letters
- Dinner in Italy
- Rude people
- Require
- Suspicious
- Genetic letters
- Everyone
- Often-candied food
- Excessive amount
- Of an ethnic group
- 1600 ___
- British gallery
- Uttered
- Libya's neighbor
- Winter toy
- Arafat's group: abbr.
- Eur. nation

DOWN

- Singing group

- Musical symbol
- Patient's complaint
- Bread topper
- Saudi or Jordanian
- Frenchman's name
- Plant pests
- Sorrowful sound
- Mindy's TV partner
- Light switch positions
- Salamander
- Region: abbr.
- Of the stars
- Four in a row
- Which person?
- Pass
- Shopper's destination
- Analyze grammatically
- Mornings, for short
- Commonplace
- Way to meditate on the life of Jesus and draw nearer to Him
- Wading bird
- Old Athenian forum
- Adams and Knotts
- Feathered swimmer
- Get-up-and-go
- Place for experiments
- Like peas in a ___
- Mixed metals
- Mended socks
- Sweater material
- Joseph Smith's rel.
- Common street name
- ___ for; chooses
- Meat store purchase
- Being: Sp.
- Insult
- Bad
- Early killer
- Character in "Othello"
- State with conviction
- Sea god
- Uproar

Solution in next week's Mad River Union

The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE**
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Congratulations to Trinidad School's 2015 graduating class

Trinidad School graduation took place last Wednesday, with Angelica Meade, Anthony Farabi, Claire O'Brien, Elia Bishop, Grant Kitchen, Hailey Waters, Isaiah Rigge, Iya Ortiz-Beck, Lily Humphrey, Lucas Homan, Madison Carroll, Makayla Christie, Michelle Rheinschmidt, Mikayla Collins, Patrick O'Brien and Ryan Dolan receiving diplomas from School Board President Ananda Morehead, Principal-Superintendent Matt Malkus and teacher Tyler Vack. The photos and artwork of each student were displayed around the room.

Every student presented accolades to school staff, coaches, parent volunteers and teachers following the *Pomp and Circumstance* procession-al played by Jan West.

Patrick O'Brien and Mikayla Collins spoke as co-salutatorians and Angelica Meade, named valedictorian, inspired her classmates and the audience with her remarks. Vic Taylor and Tyler Vack presented the Trinidad Lions Club valedictorian and salutatorian awards.

Makayla Christie received the Friends of the Trinidad Library Language Arts Award from Rose Adams and their teacher. Gail Saunders and Laramie Paxton presented the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Math Award to Angelica Meade and Patrick O'Brien and the Trinidad Museum Society Studies Award was earned by Patrick's twin sister, Claire O'Brien. Margie Cunningham and the museum president presented it.

The Mickey Fleschner Science Award went to Mikayla Collins for her imaginative engineering of a mouse trap and

a bottle rocket. Thao Le Khac presented the Teachers' Art Award to Lily Humphrey and Angelica Meade. Leslie Dutra and Angela Cotherman awarded Angelica Meade the Speech Award and Jeny Giraud presented the PTO Volunteerism Award to Ryan Dolan, Elia Bishop and Grant Kitchen, who have assisted with events throughout the school year.

Bertha Herd gave the George Herd Leadership Award to Lucas Homan and Gail Saunders presented Iya

Ortiz-Beck the Glenn Saunders Inspiration Award. Tyler Vack honored Michelle Rheinschmidt, Madison Carroll, Isaiah Rigge, Hailey Waters and Anthony Farabi for their responsibility, respect, trustworthiness and caring.

Dinner, music and dancing followed the lively intimate ceremony in Town Hall, where parents, teachers, staff and school board members Jan West, Shirley Laos, Rose Adams and Ananda Morehead joined the fun. Trustee Todd Dixon was unable to attend.

Friday yoga at Town Hall

Carrie Payton-Dahlberg continues Gentle Yoga for all ages and body types each Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Town Hall, for a \$5 to \$15 suggested donation. Carrie has trained for working with larger ladies, beginners and more advanced yoga students. Drop-ins are welcome, but once you try the class, you'll be coming back every week.

WCA programs

Westhaven Center for the Arts' (WCA) eclectic Annual Membership Show continues at 501 South Westhaven Dr. through June 28. You can view it Friday-Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Amy Day teaches all levels of Ha-

tha Yoga on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call (707) 440-2111 to sign up. Jeff Stanley continues his painting classes on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Glenda Heseltine teaches Tai Chi on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Call (707) 268-3936 for information.

Painting classes with Artist-in-Residence Antoinette Magyar take place on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign up by calling (559) 355-8896. Musician-in-Residence Tim Breed can be heard on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Alan Hager-Dave Fleschner duo

The Hager-Fleschner guitar and piano duo from Portland will present American roots music and original tunes on Saturday, July 11 at 7 p.m., at Trinidad Town Hall. WCA will host the event. Reservations can be made by calling (707) 677-9493.

Trinidad Museum summer hours

Volunteer docents welcome visitors Wednesday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. See the newly-installed "Spain Claims Trinidad 1775" exhibit in the entry room.

HSU intern Alexandra Cox has worked with the dendrochronology department to authenticate remnants of what is believed to be the original Spanish cross placed on Trinidad Head on June 11, 1775. She wrote a paper on the subject and has established strong evidence that the redwood remnant is in fact part of the original cross made from a downed redwood tree on the beach, near where the frigate Santiago and the schooner Sonora anchored for 10 days and during which Captains Heceta and Bodega claimed Trinidad for Spain in the name of King Carlos III.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

WWII HOME FRONT QUILT SHOW The Clarke Historical Museum, 240 E St., Eureka, hosts the "WWII Home Front Quilt Challenge Traveling Exhibit" until Sept. 5, with a grand opening today, June 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This travelling exhibit is a result of the WWII Home Front Quilt Challenge, a juried competition and collaboration between San Francisco Bay Area quilting groups, arts organizations, history organizations, the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, and the Rosie the Riveter

Trust. Two calls for quilts went out in 2013 and 2014, requiring small quilts, measuring 80 inches around the perimeter, focusing on civilian experiences of the American home front period. On Saturday, June 27 at 1 p.m., Susie Freese leads a presentation titled "Quilting Then and Now," followed by a discussion, on how quilting techniques and materials have changed over time. For more about the exhibit, visit wwihomefrontquilts.com; contact the Clark Museum at (707) 443-1947, clarkmuseum.org.

Motherless puppies rally the efforts of animal rescuers

This week's pups have brought together several animal rescue groups. These cute little Plott Hound puppies came to the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at five or six weeks old without their mama. They were old enough to feed themselves but too young to be apart from their siblings, so Redwood Pals Rescue stepped in and found them a foster home where they could live until they were old enough for neutering, vaccinations and independent living.

Along the way the five pups had lots of fun and adventures. Their foster home had a former rescue dog, Kola, who looked just like them and was frequently mistaken for their mother!

As the pups grew, their individual personalities began to show. The female was adopted by a friend of the foster family, leaving the four adorable males.

Last week, the puppies went to camp! Companion Animal Foundation had a "For the Love of Animals"

camp and the pups were invited as special guests. The kids and the puppies took to each other immediately and the pups started their formal training while at camp. They were great students!

During the process of driving the dogs to camp each day, one of our Redwood Pals volunteers succumbed to little Bug's charms and took him home for a test with their house dog; so far, so good.

So now, there are three: Jasper, Chance and Sammy, named by the camp kids. Chance (also known as Romeo) is the lover boy of the group, Jasper is the biggest and Sammy is the liveliest.

The pups missed the last day of camp, as it was their turn for a trip to the vet for neutering. These pups are well-socialized with people and other dogs and are young enough to be properly trained with cats and other animals. They are now available through the Humboldt County Ani-



mal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available Monday through Friday at (707) 840-9132.

For information about the second session of Companion Animal's camp (for kids 12 to 14), email cafpets@gmail.com.

For more information about Redwood Pals Rescue, or to find out about fostering or adopting our dogs, email redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com, check out our Facebook page or call (707) 839-9692. Maybe you will be our next puppy foster!

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GOING TO THE DOGS

HOWLINGLY FUNNY Ferndale Repertory Theater goes to the dogs this summer with *Sylvia*, running from June 25 to July 12. The play, by A. R. Gurney, is a modern take on “the other woman”... if the other woman were a dog. When Greg (played by Jaison Chand) brings home a street-smart dog named Sylvia (Jenna Donohue), he and his wife Kate find their marriage in jeopardy. Filled with lots of laughs and thoughtful insights, *Sylvia* is a unique and perceptive look at modern love. Directed by Dillon Savage, with scenic design by Ray Gutierrez, *Sylvia* promises to be another terrific production by Ferndale Repertory Theatre. Tickets are \$16/\$14 for students and those over 60 and are available by calling (707) 786-5483 or visiting ferndalerep.org, where a new online ticketing system has no added fees and allows patrons to print tickets at home, saving time in line at the box office. PHOTO BY DILLON SAVAGE

NEWS THEME KMUD News is seeking a new theme song. Submissions in any genre must be one to five minutes long and instrumental only – no vocals. Email mp3 entries to contest@kmud.org or drop off physical entries at the KMUD station in Redway. Submissions close July 15. Voting will be open from July 16 to Aug. 1. To vote, visit the KMUD soundcloud. Finalists will be aired on KMUD from Aug. 3 to 7 at 6 p.m. contest@kmud.org

ANNIE & MARY VENDORS The Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to have a booth at this year's Annie and Mary Day celebration on Sunday, July 12. A 10' x 10' booth is \$45; the deadline for booth applications is Monday, July 6. For further information and an online application form, go to sunnybluelake.com or call (707) 668-5567. This is a free, well-attended family event.

Homage to music man Muilenburg

HUMBOLDT STATE

FULKERSON RECITAL HALL – How to honor retiring professor Harley Muilenburg after 32 years of teaching Humboldt State students to sing? More than 20 of his former students who were members of his Mad River Transit (MRT) jazz singers from the 1980s through 2015 return to Fulkerson Recital Hall from all over California. They join HSU Music department faculty performers, including pianist Daniela Mineva and violinist Cindy Moyer, in a celebratory retirement concert, free and open to the public, on Saturday June 27 at 7 p.m.

Born in North Dakota and a graduate of North Dakota State, Muilenburg taught first at the high school level and then at a couple of junior colleges. He was looking for a position at a four-year institution when choral music professor Lee Barlow was retiring from HSU. “The stars lined up,” he says now. He was hired to begin teaching at Humboldt State in 1983.

As he prepared to head to the North Coast that summer, he spoke with Barlow on the phone and asked about the Arcata weather. “Lee chuckled a little and said it’s really nice in the summer, although just about every evening you’re probably going to need a sweater if you’re outside,” he recalled. Muilenburg was still at his current teaching job in Loreda, Texas, where it was so hot and humid it was hard to breathe. “I didn’t really believe him until I got here.”

Over the years, Muilenburg transformed the small HSU chamber choir into the large concert choir now called the University Singers. He started Mad River Transit as a smaller adjunct to the existing jazz ensemble, eventually combining the two in today’s slightly larger MRT.

HSU is one of only a few universities to have a madrigal choir specializing in Renaissance music. But another was North Dakota State, and as an undergraduate Muilenburg had sung in its madrigal group. “Lee Barlow started the Madrigal Singers here in the ‘50s,” he said. “I added the Madrigal Dinner every December, based on the Elizabethan tradition of singing and feasting at Christmastime.”

Though he has been honored with teaching awards and published scholarly articles and vocal arrangements, Muilenburg talks less about his own accomplishments than those of his HSU Music faculty colleagues, and especially his students. He mentions such distinguished alums as internationally known blues singer Earl Thomas (whose entry in the *Blues Encyclopedia* notes his “powerful classically trained voice”) and jazz singer Juanita Harris, a mainstay in MRT during her years at HSU. She went on to Boston’s prestigious Berklee College of Music and a professional career based in the Bay Area.

But he is equally pleased by his many alums who became music teachers, or who participate in community ensembles where they live. (They’ve kept in touch, he notes, even before the advent of email and social media.) “They carry on the legacy of music and keep it alive,” he said. “I’m really proud of that.”

One of those alums was Grant McKee, now a retail store manager in Santa Barbara. “He was my student in the ‘90s,” Muilenburg recalled. “He loved Humboldt, loved the music department and he loved singing. He decided at least five or six years ago that when I retire, there’s going to be a concert for me. I smiled and thought it’s a great idea but it’s not going to happen.”

But after Muilenburg’s retirement



MUSIC MENTOR Harley Muilenburg at his final University Singers concert in May. SUBMITTED PHOTO

was announced, McKee got on Facebook to contact other MRT alums. Moyer got involved, and the concert was scheduled. “There are probably 22 students who are going to trek from all parts of California, and this alumni group of jazz singers from the ‘80s right up until the past year. They’ll perform the second half of the concert,” Muilenburg said. “I couldn’t feel more excited and happy and blessed and proud.”

Muilenburg’s retirement has been in the works for awhile. “Five years ago I had a student whose parents had been my students in the ‘80s. So I felt it was definitely time for me to retire.”

He is currently busy preparing to move in July, to be near family in Southern California. “I know I’m going to miss the students,” he admits. “August is going to come and I won’t have a choir. I’ll miss the rehearsal process, contact with students and my academic colleagues. I’ll probably sneak back here and drop in sometime, and see how things are going.”

Admission is free. The concert is produced by HSU Music department. HSUMusic.blogspot.com

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CRUSTY FUN Bobby Schuman, left, with the shoestring grab. Right, Crusty and his crutacean compatriot from the Walnut Creek Crawdads entertain the crowd. LEFT PHOTO BY ERIK FRASER | HUMBOLDT CRABS; REMAINING PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



This week in Crabs

Wednesday, June 24 – Mystery Giveaway Night
It's a Mystery Giveaway Night sponsored by HumBrews, so you know you want to be there when the Crabbies polish off the Watsonville Aggies in the second of the series, starting at 7 p.m.

Friday, June 26 to Wednesday, July 1 – Away Games
The Crabs embark on an epic roadtrip that's going to take care of all their away games for the season. From June 26 to 28, the Crabs will play that Redding Colt .45s, followed by a visit to the Corvallis Knights on June 20 and July 1.

Crabs soldier on during tough tournament

Erik Fraser
HUMBOLDT CRABS

ARCATA – So that's what a losing streak feels like.

After plowing through the first third of the season like a freight train – winning 15 of their first 16 games, including their series opener against the Walnut Creek Crawdads on Friday, June 19 – the Humboldt Crabs' locomotive ran out of steam, as the team dropped the final two games of the weekend.

"I think Walnut Creek did a good job of coming in here, and after Friday night when they didn't play very well, they turned the tides on us," said Crabs manager Tyson Fisher. "We weren't ready to go Saturday, and Walnut Creek was."

The Crabs had taken the opener 10-7 in a seesaw battle on Friday night thanks to contributions from up and down the lineup and another stellar outing by the bullpen – relievers Jeremiah Moore, Blake Edmonson and Austin Root combined to give up just one hit and one run in four innings.

But on Saturday, June 20, while the Crabs again got great pitching, the offense fizzled. A first inning run attributable to Beau Bozett's speed would be all they would get against a cadre of Crawdads pitchers, who kept the Crabs just off-balance enough to keep them off the scoreboard the rest of the way in a 2-1 win.

"We didn't swing the bats all that well on



SLIDERS A Crawdad steals second base during one of the many action-packed plays this weekend.

Saturday, we got some hits but we didn't get the timely hits – and they did," Fischer said.

It was a tough-luck Crabs debut for new arrival Justin Mullins, who allowed just the two runs in five innings but was tagged with the loss.

The offensive ineptitude continued well into Sunday, June 21, as the Crabs managed virtually nothing against starter Ethan Kenkel. By the time the Crabs finally broke a 13-inning scoring drought in the seventh, they trailed 5-0, largely on the strength of a towering three-run homer to left by the Crawdads' Nick Oar.

And the Crabs almost worked some more of their late-inning magic. Almost.

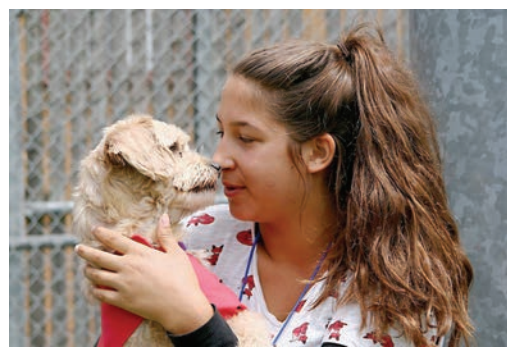
With Kenkel out of the game and the Crawdads committing a couple of defensive blunders, the Crabs climbed to within a run at 5-4 and still had the bases loaded and one out. But Ryan Dobson grounded into a 4-6-3 double play to abruptly end the rally. They would get no closer and a five-run ninth by the Crawdads sealed the game and the series.

"Baseball's a game of momentum, with the swings and things, that's a huge aspect," Fisher said. "They definitely took the momentum (on Saturday) and ran with it for the rest of the series."

The Crabs had bounced back nicely from their first loss of the year the previous weekend. They swept a rare three-game midweek set against the Auburn Wildcats before playing the Crawdads. Coming off that first loss, they responded big time by pounding the Wildcats 13-0 in the opener, and the next night was much the same in a 9-3 decision.

The Wildcats did not go quietly in the finale however. Thursday night's game was tied 1-1 into the ninth, and Auburn actually went ahead 2-1 in the top of the frame.

But they couldn't close the deal, and Bobby Schuman's bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the inning tied things at two and brought up another newcomer, Brad Pluschkell, who only needed a fly ball to the outfield to win it, and he delivered the win and the sweep.



TAKE ME HOME The Sequoia Humane Society brought adoptable dogs, such as Seth, to the ballpark on Father's Day.

Now, however, the team will need to shake off its first losing streak of the year. But Fisher is not too concerned.

"We're still 15-3, so there's not a whole lot to hang our heads about," said Fisher. "But we need to get back to out-working teams."

After a two-game set against the Watsonville Aggies, they also will need to figure out life on the road, as they head out on their only road trip of the season starting Friday, starting with a renewal of the so-called Highway 299 Rivalry against the Redding Colt 45s.

"It's an opportunity for the guys to play in different venues, and it should be fun," said Fisher. "It doesn't matter if we're at home or if we're away, we're always the ones with the targets, and they guys understand that, we just need to play the game hard and leave everything out there."



TASTY TREAT TEMPTER Noah Lurtz offers Crabs fans a large and conveniently located array of sweet and salty snacks. JV | UNION

He's a fixture at the third base line. Noah Lurtz greets customers with an easy friendliness and sells them all kinds of snacks from his laden table.

"Please enjoy," he says, at the end of each transaction.

Noah is in his 11th season, selling peanuts, sausage sticks, other snacks, candy, sodas, and Gatorade.

"Peanuts," he said, "are the most popular item," but this year he has expanded his stock. "Friends were wishing I had more of a selection," he explained.

This is his first year without an assistant to help him set up.

That's a big thing, because Noah deals with the effects of Traumatic

Brain Injury. When he was 12, he was hit by a car on Central Avenue in McKinleyville.

"I had my thirteenth birthday in Oakland Children's Hospital," he said. He's 26 now.

Noah participates in the Making Headway program. During the week, he lives at Aster Place in Eureka, or as he describes it, "in the town of amazement."

During the Crabs season, he's "at every game." So, on weekends, he stays in "the blue house just across the Mad River Bridge" in order to be closer to the ballpark.

Either his mother, Linda Gleye, or his father, Tom Lurtz, also attend every game. Noah's is a paid job, just like the other concession

workers, and he takes it seriously.

"I have to pay attention to my business," he said. Noah likes "satisfying customers and watching the game."

Last week, Gleye was in the stands, knitting and watching the game. When the fifty-fifty sellers came around, she bought some tickets.

"I won big on July 3, 2004," she recalled of that fortunate day. "Noah got to throw out the first pitch and I won \$79. That was a lot then, but now people win hundreds."

Charlene Pellatz is the volunteer manager of all the concessions at the ballpark. "Noah's handling his table on his own this year," she said.

"We wanted him to spread his wings and fly."

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CR student gets the Dickens

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HUMBOLDT – College of the Redwoods Honors student Christopher Pitts has been awarded the fifth annual Dickens Universe scholarship. Open to all California community college students, the scholarship pays for a California community college student to participate in a week of intensive summer study at UC Santa Cruz with world-class literary scholars, graduate students, undergraduates, teachers and passionate enthusiasts focusing on a Charles Dickens novel and on Victorian Studies in general.

The Dickens Universe is the major academic conference on Dickens in the world. The winning student has all room and board provided and earns five UC quarter units for participation in an undergraduate seminar class meeting throughout the week.

Pitts was chosen for the scholarship based on the Honors essay he wrote, “Arise and Awaken: The Spirit of Fellowship in Morris’ ‘A Dream of John Ball,’” for Professor Susan Nordlof’s English 1B class in the spring. He was also one of the three CR Honors students who was selected to present his American history research at the Stanford Honors Symposium in May.

“Chris is really an inspirational community college student,” said Nordlof. “He has achieved all of this (not to mention completing multiple courses for Honors credit) while working full-time. He works an eight-hour night shift and attends classes during the day, somehow subsisting on very little sleep.”

If you would like to know more about the CR Honors Program, contact program co-coordinator Nordlof at (707) 476-4336 or susan-nordlof@redwoods.edu, or contact Dana Maher at (707) 476-4539 or dana-maher@redwoods.edu.



Christopher Pitt

Speed limit to be dropped near local schools

Sidewalk gap to be filled in near Dow’s Prairie School in McK

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County school zones are about to get safer thanks to the efforts of local government and a group of dedicated educators, planners, engineers, public health and law enforcement professionals working to create more opportunities for children to safely walk and bicycle to school.

On May 12, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors heard from community members and the Humboldt County Safe Routes to School Task Force requesting that an ordinance be passed that would improve safety in school zones. The Safer School Zone Act, also known as Assembly Bill 321 (Nava), is a state law that went into effect in 2008. It allows cities and counties to expand school zones from 500 feet to 1,000 feet and reduce speeds immediately around eligible schools from 25 to 15 mph.

The law is voluntary, allowing jurisdictions to vote on passing an ordinance or resolution enacting the law. After hearing many community members speak, including parents, neighbors, school principals, the California Highway Patrol and Coast Guard members, the board voted unanimously to enact the ordinance.

The ordinance will affect at least 10 schools within unincorporated

Humboldt County including Freshwater, Garfield, Cutten, Grant, Lafayette, South Bay, Pine Hill, Kneeland, Dow’s Prairie and Morris elementary schools.

Other schools may request to be considered for speed zone reduction. The passing of this ordinance is a simple, effective way to calm traffic around schools, and it will make conditions safer for students, neighborhood residents and everyone using the street, whether they’re walking, biking or driving.

“The data about injuries from vehicle collisions at various speeds is overwhelming. Kids can often walk away from a 15 mph collision. We want to do everything possible to keep our kids safe,” said Kevin Scheffler, principal of Dow’s Prairie Elementary School. The ordinance will go into effect at the end of June.

The Board of Supervisors also recently voted to approve another project of the Countywide SRTS Task Force. Dow’s Prairie School applied and received approval for a Rural Transportation Access & Partnership (RTAP) project that will provide assistance from the county for connecting a sidewalk gap on Dow’s Prairie Road in McKinleyville.

The sidewalk gap was identified as a barrier to children walking and bi-

cycling to school during a walkability assessment conducted by the Task Force in 2012.

The RTAP is a matching program offered through Humboldt County Department of Public Works to help address unfunded transportation needs through community partnership. The RTAP program allows community organizations or residents to apply for assistance for street improvement projects, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and enhancement of access to public transit. Applicants must provide a match in the form of materials, services, labor or funding and in turn will receive assistance from the County Public Works Department depending on the context of the project and how much available support the county can provide.

Dow’s Prairie Community Partners will provide the match in the form of materials provided by Mercer Fraser and Hooven & Co. and Humboldt County Public Works will provide the labor and equipment necessary to complete the project.

“This is the first Humboldt County RTAP project to be approved, ever. We are excited to be able to go forward with this sidewalk extension and allow more students and families to safely walk to school,” Scheffler said.

Supervisors meet new water district manager

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has a new general manager, and he has told the Board of Supervisors that he is ready to work with the county on water management and sustainable energy issues.

Earlier this month, supervisors honored Carol Rische, the district’s well-respected retiring manager. At the June 16 board meeting, Barbara

Hecathorn, a member of the district’s board of directors, introduced former Marin Municipal Water District Manager Paul Helliker to supervisors as the Humboldt Bay district’s new manager.

Hecathorn said the district is “especially pleased and very fortunate” to have Helliker at the helm. His 30 years of experience most recently includes eight years as the “highly-regarded” manager of Marin’s district.

Helliker said he had met Rische years ago, when he was chair of the regional branch of the state’s Association of Water Agencies, and she encouraged him to consider Humboldt as a place to work.

Outlining his experiences working with Marin’s supervisors when he managed that county’s water district, he said he is looking forward to collaborating with the county.

Helliker said he worked with Marin’s supervisors on the General Plan and its water-related policies. “And water, of course, is a big issue in Marin just as it is up here, because we share a lot of the same resources,” he continued, referring to salmon and other species facing challenges. “I know that’s an important aspect of water supply management in Humboldt County and I learned some of the basics in Marin,” Helliker said.

Humboldt is considering

supplying energy through a Community Choice Aggregation program, which would establish a local government power-buying agency. Helliker said Marin’s water district is the county’s biggest user of electricity and “one of our goals was to make that as sustainable and renewable as possible.”

Helliker said that while he managed Marin’s district, it was one of the “biggest financial sponsors” of Marin’s community choice energy program, and one of its first customers.

“But we were only able to do so because the cities and the county adopted the program and I look forward to having some success on that front with you all here,” he continued.

Board Chair Estelle Fennell said Helliker comes to Humboldt as a “well-recommended” water manager and Supervisor Mark Lovelace said his collaboration with Marin’s Board of Supervisors is similar to the one Humboldt’s board has had with the Humboldt Bay district.

According to newspaper reports, Helliker’s tenure as the Marin district’s manager included completion of a large-scale water conservation plan and a restoration plan for Lagunitas Creek.



BEST OF THE BEST Arcata Murphy’s won 3-2 over McKinleyville Murphy’s in the Little League District 26 Tournament of Champions on June 15 in Blue Lake. From left, Arcata Murphy’s Finn Sullivan, Andrew Handley, Trevor Nunes, Asher Meadows, Xavier Finnegan, Aidan Salazar, Wyatt Homan, Nick Parker, Sierra Baldwin, Finn Murphy and Miles Oliver. Not pictured are player Kameron Momoa, Head Coach Mike Smith, coaches Frank Bisio, Terry Atkins and Buzz Parker. Arcata Murphy’s achieved a team record 20-3 in the regular season. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Blue-green algae warning issued

DHHS
HUMBOLDT – Environmental Health officials with the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) are issuing an early warning this year to recreational users of all bodies of fresh water to avoid contact with algae.

Historically, algae warnings come out between late July and early August, but the low flows, sustained high temperatures in the inland areas and drought

conditions may cause blue-green algae to grow earlier than usual.

Blue-green algae can be present in any fresh water body. It looks like dark green, blue-green, orange or brown scum, foam or mats floating on the water. Most blue-green algae does not affect animals or people; however, warm water and abundant nutrients can cause blue-green algae to grow more rapidly than usual. These floating algal masses or “blooms” can produce natural toxins that are very potent. Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water for longer periods of time.

While the presence of blue-green algae toxins has been previously confirmed on the South Fork Eel, Van Duzen and Trinity rivers, it is difficult to test and monitor the many miles of our local rivers with conditions that may vary. Most algal blooms in California contain harmless green algae, but it is important to stay safe and avoid contact.

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